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SAVINGS ESSENTIAL FOR A PLANNED LIFE

Message of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Selvi J Jayalalithaa on World Thrift Day October 30
(English Translation)

Every year, October 30 is observed as World Thrift Day to stress the need for savings and promote the saving habit among people.

Emphasising the need for savings, the saint poet Thiruvalluvar says in one of his couplets, "The prosperity of an extravagant man will disappear like a mirage". Leading a life within one's income is a planned life. A planned life means making savings for the future.

So, if one continues to set apart a small portion of one's income, it will grow and be useful in the future to oneself, one's offspring and the country as well. Parents should save money and inculcate the habit in their wards from a tender age.

As investment in Small Savings schemes provides security for the future and is useful for Government's developmental works. I affectionately urge the people of Tamil Nadu on World Thrift Day to invest in the postal Small Savings scheme for the betterment of their own lives and in the interest of the country. ■

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- Selvi J Jayalalithaa

Hon'ble Chief Minister

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Selvi J Jayalalithaa inaugurating
the World Chess Championship at the
Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium,
Chennai (7.11.2013).



CHIEF MINISTER OPENS WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

'Chess makes Children Smarter'

SPEECH DELIVERED BY **SELVI J JAYALALITHAA**,
HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU AT THE INAUGURAL FUNCTION OF THE WORLD
CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP, 2013 HELD ON 7.11.2013 AT THE JAWAHARLAL NEHRU INDOOR
STADIUM, CHENNAI



I am happy to be here to share this glorious moment with you. This period of time will be hailed in the chronicles of history as the 'Golden era of chess'. For the first time, India, the home of the oldest intellectual game, will witness the complete set of games to be played as part of the World Chess Championship match being hosted in Chennai. It is an occasion which will set the tone and herald a new course in the Nation's interest in this sport - which has been celebrated as the 'Gymnasium of the Mind'. Chess is very close to my heart and I regard this game very highly, both as a player and as an enthusiast.

When the World Chess Federation President, Mr.Kirsan Illyumzhinov, met me in 2011, he requested me to hold the World Chess Championship match in Chennai. I immediately agreed to do so at a cost of 20 crore rupees. However, it failed to materialise

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as Russia made the highest bid for the championship. As a goodwill gesture towards the interest expressed by the Government of Tamil Nadu in holding the event, the World Chess Federation agreed to hold the World Chess Championship match, 2013, in Chennai, without any bid. I have sanctioned an amount of 29 crore rupees for this landmark event.

The history of chess spans over 1500 years. The earliest predecessor of the game originated in India, before the 6th century AD. We can proudly claim that India is the homeland of this amazing game, which has permeated into all continents down the centuries.

The dynamics of the game can be understood from the ancient Indian concept of warfare, wherein two armies encountered each other in a face-to face combat. Such a picture is furnished in the description of a war between two armies in the epic, Raghuvamsa, penned by Kalidasa:

“It was a battle between two forces of equal strength: the footman encountering the footman; the charioteer against the charioteer; the horse rider facing the horse rider; the elephant warrior engaging the elephant warrior”.

The popularity of chess in the Western courtly Society peaked between the 12th and the 15th centuries. Between 1200 and 1400, the game became a fixture in European Society.

In the Seventeenth Century, Chess flourished mostly in Italy, which consequently produced the strongest players.

Towards the beginning of the Eighteenth Century the game flourished in France, England and Germany. The most famous master of the time was the Frenchman, Andre Philidor, who, for more than forty years, maintained his supremacy over the sport. During the 1800's, chess became a competitive endeavour and the first 'modern chess tournament' took place in London in the year 1851. The German player, Adolf Anderssen won the tournament and soon became known as the world's leading Chess Master. He reigned as the champion till the American player, Paul Morphy emerged on the chess scene in 1857. Wilhelm Steinitz was crowned the first official World Champion in 1886. Emanuel Lasker was one of the strongest players ever to play the game, having spent 27 years as the undisputed World Champion – still the longest reign of any World chess champion in history! Jose Raul Capablanca,



Alexander Alekhine, Tigran Petrosian, Boris Spassky, Bobby Fischer, Anatoly Karpov, Garry Kasparov, Vladimir Kramnik and our very own Viswanathan Anand adorn the 'Hall of Fame' in the sport of chess. In stark contrast to other parts of the country, chess has a strong following particularly in Chennai, primarily because of the presence of Viswanathan Anand.

Chess has indeed made deep inroads into the psyche of people all over the globe in the last millennium, more so in India, evidenced by the fact that the number of Grand Masters in India has tripled to 27 today. The number of International Chess Masters in the country has also tripled to 76 and India is in the world top 10 in rankings.

All through my three tenures as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, I have aimed at achieving excellence in sports. The budgetary allocation for the Youth Welfare and Sports Development Department has been doubled to 111.53 crore rupees in the current year. I believe that good infrastructure plays a pivotal role in creating an ambience conducive to sports. With this in mind, I have ensured the utmost impetus to developing world class sports infrastructure in Tamil Nadu. The Jawaharlal

Nehru Stadium, The Nehru Indoor Stadium, Hockey Stadium, Tennis Stadium and Aquatic Complex in the heart of the City of Chennai have all drawn the appreciation of the entire sports fraternity of the State. The Seventh South Asian Federation Games, 1995, were hosted by the Government of Tamil Nadu in these world class sports facilities, making Chennai a "Sports Hub" capable of hosting national and international





competitions in various disciplines. A sum of 33.60 crore rupees has been sanctioned to create playfield facilities and improve the existing facilities to global standards at the Nehru Indoor Stadium complex and the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium and 4.50 crore rupees has been sanctioned to renovate and create new facilities at the Tennis Stadium at Nungambakkam. A state-of-the-art Centre of Excellence for Sports has been established in Chennai in which 50 talented young children in the age group of 10 to 14 years will be identified and given residential training in various disciplines to groom them into future medalists who will win laurels for the State and the Nation at National and International Sports

Meets.

The Tamil Nadu Physical Education and Sports University was established in 2004 during my second tenure over an area spanning 125 acres in Melakottaiyur village in Kancheepuram District. A Sports Science Centre was established in the University at a cost of 2.2 crore rupees. A sum of 9.98 crore rupees has been sanctioned as a one-time-catch-up grant for improving the infrastructure in the University. The University will foster technical excellence in physical education and sports.

In a move to popularize chess and harness the benefits of this game, I have introduced the 'Chess in Schools' program to improve the cognitive skills of students. It is aimed at exposing students, especially those from rural



areas, to the rudiments of the game. I have also ordered the establishment of Chess Clubs in all Government and Government aided schools and sanctioned an amount of 39.47 lakh rupees for the same. Chess makes children smarter. It does so by teaching skills like focusing, visualizing, thinking ahead, weighing options, analyzing, thinking in abstract terms, planning and juggling multiple considerations simultaneously. It enhances concentration, patience and perseverance, and also develops creativity, intuition and memory. Precision of thought, intuitive understanding, quick reflexes and tenacity are some of the powerful attributes of this spectacular sport. I envision that, our children in the State of Tamil Nadu - the treasures of the future - will shine forth with maturity and brilliance, learning to accept victory with humility and defeat with grace.

A Hall of Chess has been established at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai, to impart regular training to aspirants in chess. Cash

prizes to the extent of 74 lakh rupees were awarded to 12 chess players of the State who have brought laurels to Tamil Nadu. My Government has extended financial assistance to host the National Chess Championship and sponsored air fare for talented chess players to participate in International Competitions. The quantum of grant to State Sports Associations to host National Championships in Chennai has been enhanced from 65 lakh rupees to 1.30 crore rupees.

To celebrate sports and sportsmanship and to promote the culture of sports in the State, my Government has instituted a first-of-its-kind State-level Chief Minister's Trophy competition in 10 disciplines for which a sum of 8.09 crore rupees has been sanctioned. The prize money of 1 lakh rupees to Gold medal winners, 75,000 rupees to silver medal winners and 50,000 rupees to bronze medal winners in addition to the trophy were handed over by me at a recent function. To establish Sports Hostels in all the Districts in a phased manner, a sum of 6.33 crore rupees has been sanctioned. A total sum of 3.52 crore rupees has been allotted to construct swimming pools in Namakkal,

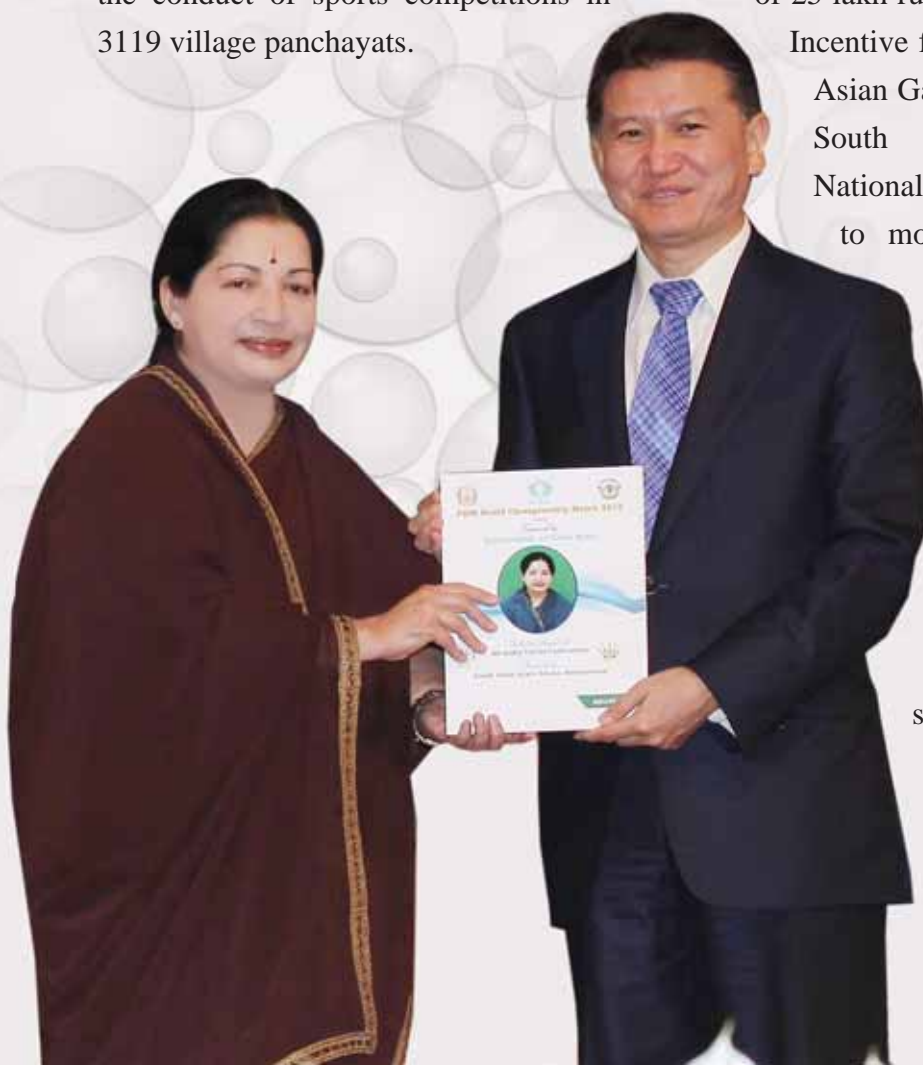


Theni, Thiruvallur and Virudhunagar. In a bid to motivate sports activities in villages, I have sanctioned a sum of 6.26 crore rupees for the year 2013-2014 for the conduct of sports competitions in 3119 village panchayats.

In an effort to incentivize upcoming sports stars of the State, a sum of 1.25 crore rupees has been sanctioned per year to provide need based assistance to 5 elite sports persons at the rate of 25 lakh rupees each per year. The Cash Incentive for achievers in the Olympics, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, South Asian Federation Games, National Games, etc. has been doubled to motivate sports persons. An Olympic Gold medal winner from Tamil Nadu will be awarded 2 crore rupees instead of the earlier 1 crore rupees. These initiatives have to a large extent paved a trail for players from Tamil Nadu to move ahead in the national and international sports arena.

Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand is, quite simply, the greatest sportsman India has

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ever produced. He has been the epitome of chess in India. Born on 11th December, 1969, in Chennai, Viswanathan Anand has emerged as a role model for aspiring chess players of India. This astoundingly modest personality from Chennai has made us all proud with his resplendent ability to deftly navigate expertly around this complex maze of 64 squares. His love and hunger for mastering this craft is evident in his ceaseless quest for victory. He gained national recognition at an early age, when he won the National Sub-Junior Chess Championship in 1983, at the age of fourteen. In the following year, he became the youngest Indian to be entitled to the International Master Title. He became the National Chess Champion at the age of sixteen, and went on to receive the title twice thereafter. In 1987, Anand won the World Junior Chess Championship, which made him the first Indian to reach that dizzying height. In 1988, Viswanathan Anand became the first Grandmaster of India, winning the International

Chess tournament held in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. This achievement won him one of India's most prestigious civilian awards - the Padma Shri. He entered the World Chess Championship competitions in 1993.

He has been feted by the Government – the Rajiv Khel Ratna, Padma Bhushan, Sportstar Millennium Award, Chess Oscar and the Padma Vibhushan sit proudly in his cabinet of honours. Anand is the only Chess player to have won the World Chess Championships in all three formats – knock-out in 2000, tournament in 2007 and classical in 2008. Consistency, versatility and single-minded focus have always been his forte.

I now take this opportunity to welcome the “Mozart of Chess” from Norway, Magnus Carlsen. Armed with youthful vigour, his precocious talents have captured the imagination of chess lovers across the world. He was totally fascinated by chess and became deeply engrossed and involved in chess to

the point of obsession from early childhood and by the age of 13, he was an International Grand Master. At the age of 20, he became the youngest number one of the FIDE (Fédération Internationale des Echecs) rating list in history. On February 1, 2013, on the FIDE rating list, he achieved a rating performance of 2872 points, the highest score in world chess history so far. Carlsen has experienced one of the fastest ascents to the elite stratosphere of chess, the pinnacle of which we are all assembled to witness, as he challenges World champion Viswanathan Anand for the world title.

The entire atmosphere here is charged with intellectual voltage as both prepare vigorously for the epochal battle. This event is iconic and historic and Chennai is proud to host it. We, in Chennai, wait with nail biting anticipation. I invoke God's blessings on both the players to realise their ambition and wish them both a long and glorious career for many more years to come.

Thank you.

I declare the FIDE World Championship Match, 2013, open. ■



Constantine Joseph Beschi (8 November 1680 – 1742), who adopted the name of Veeramamunivar was an Italian Jesuit Missionary who came to Madurai in May 1711. Veeramamunivar's name is associated with the extensive poetic epic Tembavani, the lexicon Caturakaraadhi, the grammatical

**Birth Anniversary of
Veeramamunivar
falls on November 8**

Constantine Joseph Beschi

work Tonnul Vilakkam and a prose narrative of satirical stories, Paramarthaguru Kadhai. He also translated the first two books of the Tirukkural (Arattupaal and Porutpaal) into Latin, his being the first translation of the work into any European language.

In 1968, a statue of Beschi was erected on the Marina beach in Madras (Chennai) by the Tamil Nadu Government, as a recognition of his contribution to Tamil language and literature. The churches Beschi built --- Poondi Matha Basilica at Poondi near Thanjavur, Periyamayagi Maadha shrine at Mugasaparur in Konankuppam, and Adaikalamaadha shrine at Elakurichi -- are now pilgrim centres.



CHIEF MINISTER FLAGS OFF TEST RUN OF CHENNAI METRO RAIL

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 6.11.2013 flagged off the trial run of the Chennai Metro Rail at the Koyambedu Yard. Earlier, the Hon'ble Chief Minister also switched on the 25kv high tension overhead lines for the service.

The Chennai Metro Rail Project aims at providing a fast, comfortable, modern transport system. The first corridor of the project covers a distance of 23.08 km from Washermanpet to Chennai Airport. The second corridor runs to a distance of 21.961 km from Chennai Central to St. Thomas Mount.

The project cost is Rs. 14,600 crore. The Central Government invests share capital of 15 per cent and provides a subordinate debt. of 5 per cent. The Tamil Nadu Government invests a share capital of 15 per cent and a subordinate debt. of 5.78 per cent. The balance of 59.22 per cent is provided as loan by the Japan International Co-operation Agency.

Chennai Metro Rail is to operate 42 four-coach rakes. Alstom Transport in Brazil and Alstom Projects India Ltd., are manufacturing, in the first instance, 9 four coach rakes. The remaining 33 rakes are being manufactured in their factory at Sricity near Tada in Andhra Pradesh.

Metro Rail has several special features including automated train movement, automated security system, air conditioning facility, special seating arrangement, special facilities for the disabled, information to passengers about the next stop, emergency exit facility and closed circuit TV for passengers' safety. The Hon'ble Chief Minister inspected these facilities inside the coaches.

After the trial run was flagged off, senior officials of Chennai Metro Rail took a group photo with the Hon'ble Chief Minister. ■





**Chief Minister launches
small bus services, distributes
pension benefits**

‘Transport Corporations turned around after disastrous plunge in DMK rule’

Speech delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**
at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium on 23.10.2013 at a function held
to distribute pension benefits to retired employees of Transport Corporations
and to inaugurate small bus services and new buses. (English Translation)

Hon'ble Transport Minister and Beloved Brother Thiru. V. Senthil Balaji, who delivered the felicitation address, Hon'ble Ministers, Members of Parliament and the Legislature, Chief Secretary to Government Tmt. Sheela Balakrishnan who welcomed the gathering, Principal Secretary, Transport Department Thiru. B.K. Prasad who is to propose a vote of thanks, Chennai Metropolitan Transport Corporation Managing Director Thiru. Rajendran, employees of the Transport Department, Respected Elders, Ladies, who

are the gods who sustain me, my dear siblings who are Idhaya Deivam Puratchi Thalaivar MGR's blood unto blood and are dearer to me than my own life,

At the outset, I offer my affectionate greetings to all of you.

It is no exaggeration to say that transport vehicles are essential for people's growth and development of the economy. Road transport plays an important role in this. Government Transport Corporations are offering road transport services at a low cost. I am immensely

happy to inaugurate today 610 buses and 50 new small buses by way of further strengthening the Government Transport Corporation's services and in distributing retirement benefits worth Rs. 257 crore to retired transport workers. The small buses will cater to the needs of Chennai commuters.

When I took over Governance for the third time, the condition of the Tamil Nadu Government Transport Corporations was at rock bottom. The total loss of the Corporations in March 2011 was Rs. 6,150.95 crore. On account of the earlier minority DMK Government's administrative mismanagement of finances, retirement benefits to employees were kept in abeyance. Employees could not be paid their salaries. Several buses were inoperable. The Government Transport Corporations were pushed into a state of paralysis. The main reason for all these things is the earlier minority DMK Government's administrative inefficiency.

To make the Transport Corporations efficient, I took several constructive steps after I became Chief Minister, like providing financial assistance, purchasing new buses and re-conditioning old buses. Steps were taken to purchase 6,000 new buses as replacements at a cost of Rs.1,026 crore. Of this, 3,051 buses have been purchased and are in operation now. Four hundred and eighty three buses whose chassis and engine are in good condition have been reconditioned at a cost of Rs. 34 crore.

Steps are being taken to set up 68 workshops for the maintenance of buses operated by the Transport Corporations. For long distance destinations, electronic ticket reservation system has been introduced. We have filled up 16,661 driver, conductor and technical posts; 346 heirs of employees who had died in harness have been



given jobs on compassionate grounds. The jobs of 9,157 badli (temporary) workers have been regularised. Full body scan facility has been introduced for drivers above 45 years of age. Special buses are operated during festive seasons in the interest of the people.

Several measures have been taken to increase the revenue of the Government Transport Corporations. The revenue through advertisements in buses in the last 2 years is Rs.28.13 crore; the introduction of postal services has fetched Rs.44.21 lakh in the last 2 years; through the eateries en route, the income to the corporations is Rs. 4.67 crore.

Last year Rs.200 crore was given to the Government Transport Corporations to make up for the additional financial

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the amount NOT disbursed in the earlier minority DMK rule -- Rs.44.78 crore (Rs.30.33 crore as gratuity and Rs. 14.45 crore as leave commutation amount) -- till now Rs.185.85 crore has been disbursed to pensioners --Rs.153.47 crore as gratuity and Rs.32.38 crore as leave commutation amount.

In continuation of this, today Rs.257 crore

burden the Corporations had to bear due to the frequent like in the diesel price effected by the Central Government. Similarly, to ensure that the additional burden is not passed on to the people, Rs. 500 crore has been allotted in the current year.

In the interest of passengers and with a view to diversify the Transport Corporations' functions, "Amma Mineral Water" scheme has been introduced by me and it is in operation.

The "Amma Mineral Water" production plant with a capacity of 3 lakh litres per day was inaugurated by me on 15.9.2013 at the Road Transport Company Complex at Gummudipoondi. Considering the water potential there, I am happy to announce that one more "Amma Mineral Water" production unit will be set up there and through this 3 lakh litres of drinking water will be made available additionally every day.

Above all, a sum of Rs.100.19 crore has been disbursed on retirement to 4,653 employees who had retired between September 2010 and September 2011. Taking into account

is to be disbursed to pensioners. The break-up is: Rs.187.23 crore as commutation of pension to 9,189 employees who have retired between October 2011 and September 2013; Rs.45.77 crore as Dearness Allowance to 47,649 pensioners and Rs.24 crore as pension to 4,908 retirees. I will disburse the amount to 25 persons on this day. Hon'ble Ministers will disburse the amount to others today itself.

Likewise, in the interest of the people, 610 new buses and 50 small buses are to be inaugurated by me today. The small buses will operate in areas not served by regular buses and they will carry passengers to nearby busstands and railway stations.

I am doubly happy that this function has been organized in a way as to further enhance the services to people and improve the life of the retirees. Declaring that your welfare is our goal, I take leave of you hailing "Anna Naamam Vazhga!" "Puratchi Thalaivar MGR Naamam Vazhga!".

"Nandri", "Vanakkam".



CHENNAI POLICE get new Commissionerate building

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalitha declared open the Rs.25.46 crore new Chennai Metropolitan Police Commissionerate Office building at Vepery, Chennai on 11.10.2013.

The 10-storeyed building with a basement has come up on a 5.49 acre plot and has a built in area of 1,73,000 Sq.ft. While the basement has a parking lot and a warehouse, the ground floor will have a press conference room, the Public Relations Officer room, canteen, people grievances redressal hall and the Intelligence Bureau wing. The first floor has the office of the Deputy Commissioner (Central Crime Branch) and other section offices, the

2nd floor – a conference hall, City Police Office, salary and computer room, the 3rd floor – the Office of the Additional Commissioner, City Police (Central Crime Branch) and other section offices; the 4th floor – Office of the City Police, the 5th floor – the Offices of the Joint and Deputy Commissioners, the 6th floor Office of the Intelligence Bureau and the room of the Deputy Commissioner (Intelligence), the 7th floor – the Zonal Law and Order and Traffic Control rooms; the 8th floor – Police Commissioner's room, a small consultation hall, library and Additional Commissioner's rooms, and the 9th floor – two rest rooms.

As additional facilities, the complex will have 2 generators of 160 KVA capacity each, 3 lifts each with a capacity to carry 13 persons, emergency staircases, lightning conductor, aviation warning light, fire extinguishers, fire alarm siren, intercom facility, inner roads with street lights, lawns, drinking water and





drainage facilities, press room, waiting hall and inspection room. The complex has a rain harvesting structure and a ramp to help the differently abled.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister declared open the building by cutting a ribbon and lighting a 'kuthuvilakku'. Later, the Hon'ble Chief Minister inspected the Commissioner's room and saw video clippings explaining the design of the building and the facilities made available there. High officials of the Commissionerate took a group photo with the Hon'ble Chief Minister. ■

Share Capital Base of TANSIDCO Strengthened



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J. Jayalalithaa has directed the infusion of an additional Rs. 16 crore as Government share capital in the Tamil Nadu Small Industries Development Corporation (TANSIDCO) for augmenting its financial resources.

TANSIDCO is maintaining 94 industrial estates at present, mainly for the growth of micro, small and medium industries. The Hon'ble Chief Minister had already given approval for the creation of 4 more such industrial estates at a cost of Rs. 26.68 crore, and for development of infrastructure facilities in 2 of the existing industrial estates at a cost of Rs. 6.32 crore.

For implementing these programmes, it is necessary to increase the financial resources of the Corporation. For this, its share capital base should be strong so that it can raise more loans from banks and financial institutions. With this present infusion, the share capital of the Corporation will rise to Rs. 24.70 crore.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also allotted Rs. 2 crore for renovating and developing the infrastructure facilities in the 5 chemical and metallurgical laboratories established in Chennai, Madurai, Coimbatore, Salem and Thoothukudi for the benefit of the micro, small and medium industries. ■

Total boycott sought of Colombo CHOGM meet

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

Selvi J Jayalithaa's

speech while moving a resolution on 24. 10. 2013, exhorting the Indian Government to totally boycott the Commonwealth meet to be held in Colombo (English Translation)



The Sri Lankan Government committed genocide by killing lakhs of innocent Tamils in total contravention of International Law and the Geneva Agreement on war practices when the civil war in that country was at its peak in 2009.

I have been opposing from the beginning this dastardly and inhuman genocide by the Sri Lankan Government, its anti-humanitarian activities and the supply of arms and training by the Indian Government to exterminate Sri Lankan Tamils. Criticising the Sri Lankan Government's atrocious acts, all sections of people in Tamil Nadu --political parties, students, teachers, advocates and artistes -- launched various kinds of agitations like demonstrations, processions and hunger strikes to vent their feelings. Sri Lanka became the butt of criticism internationally also.

In its report, the team appointed by the General Secretary of the United Nations

Organisation stated that the Sri Lankan Government had perpetrated atrocious crimes that included killing innocent people by resorting to extensive bombing, bombing human habitats and hospitals, giving a go by to humanitarianism and refusing to extend help, committing human rights violations on the dead and the survivors of this war including the locally displaced and others suspected to be LTTE cadres, and committing human rights violations on persons outside the war zone, including the critics of the Sri Lankan Government and the media.

In this situation, I became the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for a third time in 2011. I moved a resolution in this regard in the Tamil Nadu Legislature on 08.06.2011. The resolution wanted the Indian Government to pressurise the UN to declare as war criminals those who launched an attack on innocent Sri Lankan Tamils without any compassion

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and to take steps along with other countries to impose an economic blockade on the Sri Lankan Government till all the Tamils in Sri Lankan camps returned to their native places and started living a dignified life on par with the Sinhalese, and till Tamils got back all their civil rights. The House passed this historic resolution unanimously. But the Indian Government has not acted on this resolution till date.

On the other hand, the Central Government gave permission for imparting training to Sri Lankan Defence personnel in Tamil Nadu and for the Sinhalese to participate in competitions held in Tamil Nadu. I opposed this. I wrote several letters to the Prime Minister that no training should be given to Sri Lankan Defence personnel anywhere in India. The result: training to Sri Lankan Defence personnel in Tamil Nadu was stopped.

However, there were reports that the Sri Lankan Government had not properly undertaken the rehabilitation works needed by the Tamils there and that the practice of treating Tamils as second class citizens continued. Besides, new evidence on the atrocities perpetrated on Tamils was released by the media. This agitated the Tamils and Tamil Nadu turned into a cauldron of resentment.

Following this, I wrote a letter to the Hon'ble Prime Minister even as early as on 25.03.2013 stating that India should take steps to shift the venue of Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting slated in November 2013 from Sri Lanka to some other country and that India should not participate in this meeting to be held in Sri Lanka.

Not only this. I moved a Government resolution in the Tamil Nadu Legislative

Assembly. The resolution urged the Indian Government to stop calling Sri Lanka a "friendly country" and to take steps to move a resolution in the UN Security Council seeking an independent, fair international investigation into the genocide and war crimes committed during the racial war in Lanka. It urged that those found guilty of war crimes by the investigation before the World Court should be arraigned and punished. It called for an "Economic Blockade" on Sri Lanka till that country stopped suppression of Tamils there and a referendum on "Independent Eelam" amidst the Tamils in Sri Lanka and the Sri Lankan Tamil diaspora, taking into account the future interest of Eelam Tamils. This House passed that resolution. The Central Government did not act on this resolution also.

In this situation, the Prime Minister is reported to have stated, according to media reports, that a decision on his participation in the Commonwealth conference will be taken after examining all factors including the sentiments of the people of Tamil Nadu. When the people of Tamil Nadu are insisting that India should not participate in this conference, the Hon'ble Prime Minister has talked about his participation alone. This has greatly disappointed the Tamils.

In the Commonwealth Charter, signed by Queen Elizabeth II, Head of Commonwealth Countries on 11.03.2013, the Commonwealth Day, it is stated under the heading "Human Rights,"

"We are committed to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other relevant human rights, covenants and international instruments. We are committed to equality and respect for the protection

and promotion of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights including the right to development for all without discrimination, on any grounds as the foundation of peaceful, just and stable societies. We note that these rights are universal, indivisible, independent and interrelated and cannot be implemented selectively.

“We are implacably opposed to all forms of discrimination whether rooted in gender, race, colour, creed, political belief or other grounds.”

But the Sri Lankan Government is acting totally in contravention of these ideals and policies.

The Prime Minister of Canada has issued a statement that he is not attending the Commonwealth meeting in Sri Lanka.

In that statement he has said: “Canada believes that if the Commonwealth is to remain relevant it must stand in defence of the basic principles of freedom, democracy and respect for human dignity, which are the very foundation upon which the Commonwealth was built. It is clear that the Sri Lankan Government has failed to uphold the Commonwealth’s core values which are cherished by Canadians. As such, as the Prime Minister of Canada. I will not attend the 2013 Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in Colombo, Sri Lanka.”

It was announced that in his place the Parliamentary Secretary of the Foreign Minister of that country would attend the meeting. When Canada, where the Tamil population is very small, has taken such a decision and proposes to send a person just for nominal participation, it is unfortunate

that India where 8 crore Tamils live, has not yet taken a firm decision that India will not participate even nominally. This shows the Central Government has not cared to show even an iota of respect for the sentiments of Tamils.

Pointing out all this, I wrote a detailed letter to the Prime Minister on 17.10.2013 stating that India should boycott the November Commonwealth meet in Sri Lanka, and that no one from India should even nominally participate in it and hinted that only such an action will force Sri Lanka to adopt a just course towards Sri Lanka Tamils. All political parties in Tamil Nadu stress this demand. However, the Central Government has not yet taken a firm and decisive decision on this issue.

By way of further reinforcing the demand of the people of Tamil Nadu and as an expression of their feelings, I move the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

“The Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly strongly urges the Indian Government to totally boycott the Commonwealth conference to be held in November this year at Sri Lanka respecting the sentiments and the unanimous view of the people of Tamil Nadu and urges that there should not be even any nominal participation by India’s representatives in the conference. It urges India to immediately convey this decision to Sri Lanka and also take steps to suspend Sri Lanka from the Commonwealth Forum till that Government takes action to ensure a free life for Sri Lankan Tamils on par with the Sinhalese.” ■

Chief Minister honours police personnel for nabbing terror suspects



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalitha congratulated at the Secretariat on 09.10.2013, the top police officials and the personnel of the special team who apprehended the absconding accused Bilal Malik and Panna Ismail at Pudur in Andhra Pradesh and presented cheques by way of cash rewards to them.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister had ordered the setting up of a special investigation team under the leadership of Thiru. Narendrapal Singh IPS, Director General of Police CBCID for expediting the investigation and arresting the culprits in the gruesome murder cases of Vellaippan, a functionary of Hindu Munnani

at Vellore in July last and that of the State Secretary of Bharatiya Janata Party, auditor Ramesh. Police were on the look out for 'Police' Fakruddin, Bilal Malik of Madurai, Panna Ismail of Tirunelveli and Abubacker Siddique of Nagore in connection with the above murders and also in the case of planting a bomb on the route to be taken by the senior BJP leader L.K. Advani in Tirumangalam, Madurai in 2011.

One of the absconding accused, 'Police' Fakruddin was arrested on 4.10.2013. On the basis of another information, a special police team rushed to Puttur in Andhra Pradesh and surrounded the house where the absconding

accused Bilal Malik and Panna Ismail were hiding. On account of the intensive efforts of the police, the two accused were arrested. In the operation, Inspector S. Lakshmanan of the Special Police team was brutally attacked and he was rushed to Chennai and admitted to Porur Ramachandra Medical College hospital.

Appreciating the courage displayed by Inspector Lakshmanan, the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced on 8.10.2013 that the government would give him a cash reward of Rs. 15 lakh apart from bearing his entire medical expenses. He would also be offered accelerated promotion by a rank.

For launching speedy investigation and taking expeditious steps to apprehend the above mentioned accused, the Hon'ble Chief Minister congratulated the Director General of Police Thiru. K. Ramanujam, IPS, the DGP of CBCID. Thiru. Narendrapal Singh, IPS, the Additional DGP (Intelligence) Thiru. Ashok Kumar IPS, the Additional DGP (Crimes), Thiru. Karan Sinha IPS, DGP (Intelligence) Thiru. Amaresh Pujari IPS, DGP Intelligence (Internal Security) Thiru. P. Kannan and DGP (CID-Special Investigation) Thiru. Maheshkumar Agarwal IPS.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister honoured 21 police personnel of the special team by presenting them a cheque for Rs.5 lakh each and conveyed her hearty congratulations for showing gallantry risking their own lives. The personnel honoured are: Thiru T. S. Anbu IPS, Superintendent of police,

CBCID, South Zone, Thiru. R. Arularasu, S.P. (Special Cell) Chennai, Thiru. G. Sankar, Additional S.P. (Special Cell) Chennai, Thiru. T. Senthilkumar, Additional S.P. Thiruvallur District, Thiru. M. Karthikeyan Dy. S.P, Special Investigation Team, Madurai, Thiru. S. Marirajan, Assistant Commissioner, (SIC), Madurai city, Thiru Ravindran, Inspector (Special Cell) Chennai, Thiru. R. Vijayaraghavan, CID Inspector Krishnagiri, Thiru. S. Ananthakumar, CID Inspector, Salem, Thiru. Veemaraj, Inspector, Tiruthani Police Station, Thiruvallur District, Thiru. M. Vetrivel, Assistant Inspector (Special Cell), Chennai, Thiru. R. Manikandan, Assistant Inspector (Special Cell), Chennai, Thiru. J. Edward Bright Head Constable (Special Cell), Chennai, Thiru. Prabhu, Head Constable CID (Special Cell), Thiru. S. Anandan, Head Constable (CID), Chennai, Thiru. M. Elango, Head Constable, Tiruthani Police Station, Tiruvallur District, Thiru. Sivanesan, Grade I Constable, Special Investigation Team, Madurai Thiru. K. Rajasekaran, Constable, (Special Cell), Thiru. A. Sujin, Constable, Tiruthani Police Station, Tiruvallur District, Thiru. K. Kalaivanan, Constable, Tiruvallur District, Armed Reserve Police and Thiru. R. Rajakumar, Constable, Tiruvallur District Armed Reserve Police.

Addressing them, the Hon'ble Chief Minister said: "First of all let me express my warmest congratulations and felicitations to all of you starting from the DGP to the Constable involved in this operation. I have always maintained that the Tamil Nadu Police Force

is the best in the country and once again I am very proud and happy that you have proved me right. This is a significant achievement for the Tamil Nadu Police which will be recorded in history as one of the very splendid achievements in the Tamil Nadu Police.

“On behalf of this Government, on my own behalf and on behalf of the people of Tamil Nadu, I convey our thanks to you all. An accelerated promotion by a rank has been announced to all those involved in this operation. A cash reward of Rs.5 lakh each has been given to you. This cash reward is not an evaluation of your sacrifice, sense of duty and service. It is a token of our affection, gratitude, respect, goodwill and the gratitude of this Government. That is all. This Government

and I are proud of you. The Tamil Nadu Police have accomplished many things. In that record of achievements, you have added one more significant achievement that is to be etched in golden letters. For that, once again I convey my hearty congratulations. On behalf of Tamil Nadu people, I convey our thanks. I have full confidence that you will execute several other difficult tasks with the same sense of duty for the sake of the people of Tamil Nadu, for the good of this country and for adding laurels to the police Department and this Government”.

The Police team involved in the operation then took a group photo with the Hon'ble Chief Minister.



His Excellency the Governor of Tamil Nadu **Dr. K. Rosaiah** administered the oath of office to Dr. C. Vijaya Baskar as Minister for Health at the Governor's Bungalow on October 1, 2013 in the presence of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**.

CHIEF MINISTER'S GESTURE TO BRAVEHEART POLICE OFFICER



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 9.10.2013 called on Thiru. S. Lakshmanan, CID Inspector (Special Cell) and consoled him at the Chennai Porur Ramachandra Medical College Hospital, where he was undergoing treatment for severe injuries sustained when he was brutally attacked while apprehending the absconding accused Bilal Malik and Fanna Ismail at Puttur in Andhra Pradesh.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister told him: "It is by Divine Grace that you have survived; it is because you have many more duties to

discharge. I enquired about your condition with the Doctor and went through your medical report. There is nothing to fear. You will recover soon. You will be looked after here very well. The Government will bear your entire medical expense. We will do whatever is required. We have announced a cash reward of Rs. 15 lakh in appreciation of your gallantry and as a token of people's gratitude. We will bear your medical expenses entirely. Besides, an accelerated promotion by a rank has also been announced for you. So don't worry about anything. Doctors here will take care of you well. Don't worry about your

children also. We stand guarantee for their future. As I have said, by God's Grace you have survived. Going by the medical report, it is a wonder. God has saved you as you have many more duties to discharge. We are all proud of you, Thiru. Lakshmanan. You are a model how a policeman should be. You are an example for all. We are all proud of you. The Chief Secretary to Government, the Principal Secretary of the Home Department and the Director General of Police have come here to see you."

The Hon'ble Chief Minister also handed over the cheque for Rs.15 lakh to Tmt. Madhuben, wife of Thiru. Lakshmanan.



The Hon'ble Chief Minister enquired about his health with the doctors and advised them to provide all necessary special treatment for bringing him back to normal health quickly. Family members of Inspector Lakshmanan conveyed their heartfelt gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Minister. ■

Birth Anniversary of Kavignar Suratha falls on November 23



Suratha

Suratha (November 23, 1921 – June 19, 2006) was a Tamil poet known for his evocative and original similes. It was this quality that gained him the title 'Uvamai Kavignar' – poet of similies. Suratha is a pseudonym of T. Rajagopal. Being an admirer of Bharatidasan, he derived his pen name from the letters of poet Bharatidasan's original name, Subburathinam and added 'tha' to denote 'daasan'.

His notable poetic anthologies are Thenmazhai (shower of honey) and Saavin Mutham (Kiss of Death). He was a lyricist and dialogue writer and is known for some hit songs like 'Amudhum Thaenum Edarkku' (Thai Pirandhal Vazhi Pirakkum), 'Aadi Adangum Vaazhkaiyada' (Neerkumizhi) and 'Vinnukku Melaadai' (Naanal). He received the Kalaimamani award in 1972 and the Bharatidasan award in 1990



Tamil Nadu cares for people by keeping prices in check'

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa's** reply in the Tamil Nadu Assembly on 30.10.2013 in response to deputy leader of the Opposition Thiru. Panruti P. Ramachandran's reference to funds to be received from the Centre and price rise. (English Translation)

Hon'ble Speaker,

The wrong economic policy of the Central Government is the cause for price rise. But the State Government, to the extent possible, is taking efforts to manage the price rise. I am not speaking about other states. As for Tamil Nadu Government it has taken several measures to manage the price increase of onion caused by the Central Government. For example, big onion is sold at Koyambedu market at Rs.60/- a kg and 'Sambar' onion at Rs.75-80/- a kg. In shops like Pazhamudhir Shops, big onion is quoted at Rs.70/- a kg, 'sambar' onion at Rs.95/- a kg. But in Tamil Nadu Government's Farm Fresh consumer shops --30 such shops are functioning in Chennai now -- big onion is sold at Rs.50/- a kg and 'sambar' onion at Rs.60/- a kg. This Government is taking steps within its capacity to reduce the burden imposed on the people. In other states, big onion is quoted at Rs.58/- kg in Bangalore, Rs.60/- in Hyderabad, Rs.70/- in Kerala, Rs.65/- in Delhi, Rs.70/- in Mumbai, Rs.70/- in Kolkata, Rs.80/- in Bihar and Rs.78/- in Assam.

Tamil Nadu gets its stock of big onion from Nasik, Lasalgaon, Ahmed Nagar, Pimpalgaon, and Sholapur in Maharashtra, Hasan, Hubli and Devangare in Karnataka and from Kurnool and Adoni in Andhra Pradesh.

As Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh is rocked by agitation, stocks are not arriving from there. About 70 lorry loads of onion used to reach Koyambedu daily. Only 55 lorry loads came on 24.10.2013 and 50 lorry loads on the following two days. Still, the price of onion in Tamil Nadu compared favorably with other states. To ensure that consumers get onion at a fair price, farm fresh shops at Chennai sell six tons of big onion and one ton of 'Sambar' onion. On my orders, the procurement of these two varieties of onion has been doubled from 26.10.2013. To bring the prices of vegetables under control, steps are taken to open 10 more Farm Fresh shops. All know about Amma Restaurants.

All know the price of idli-sambar in ordinary hotels. But in Amma Restaurants, idli is sold at one rupee per piece; sambar rice at Rs.5/- and



curd rice at Rs.3/- . The Government is taking further steps to open more Amma Restaurants wherever possible.

A bottle of mineral water, ordinarily costs Rs.20/- in the open market. But we are supplying the same quality mineral water at Rs.10/-through the Transport Department. Like this, we are taking whatever steps possible within the powers of the State Government to bring down prices. At the same time, the Central Government is not acting responsibly. The Hon'ble Deputy leader of the opposition spoke about the funds that should come to the state from the Centre. The Central Government should have credibility. After the presentation of the Budget in Parliament and after allocating funds for each state, the amount should not be altered. The State is to receive funds from the Centre under various heads. On the basis of that plan of allocation, the State Government proposes a scheme and plans various works. Based on that, we spend several crores rupees. We are spending that amount in the hope that the Central Government will reimburse the expenditure. But recently the Central Government has spoilt its credibility. It is unfortunate, without precedent, something

that never happened before. That is, the Central Government has reduced the allocation up to 20 per cent after earmarking the funds under each plan head and after we have started incurring expenses on the works. Who will reimburse the shortfall? We are struggling with such issues. At the same time we are aware that the general public is suffering due to the wrong economic policies of the Centre and due to its wrong actions, and to mitigate their sufferings, this

Government is taking several steps within its limitations.

The Hon'ble Deputy Leader of the Opposition has referred to GST (Goods and Services Tax). The only source of revenue for the state is the commercial taxes. There is no other revenue. The Central Government wants to usurp that too.

That is why they are bringing this Goods and Services Tax Bill. We are opposing it tooth and nail. Not once or twice, but every time they talk about it from 2011, the State Government, this Government, my Government has been opposing it consistently. Recently, the State Finance Minister meeting took place in Delhi. Our state was represented at that meeting by the Commercial Taxes Minister. There, we have opposed it totally. We have opposed not one or two clauses or one or two parts but the entire Bill in its totality. If they pass this bill despite our opposition, its impact will not last long. After the next Lok Sabha election, the Government will change at the Centre, the regime will change, everything will change. Then we will throw that Bill out. ■



CHIEF MINISTER CLARIFIES ASPECTS OF POLICE REFORMS BILL

HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF TAMIL NADU
SELVI J JAYALALITHAA'S
REPLY ON 30.10.2013 IN THE TAMIL NADU
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO
THE DEBATE ON POLICE (REFORMS) BILL 2013
(English Translation)

The Police force plays a great role in maintaining law and order, preventing crimes and getting the culprits punished by bringing them before the law. To bring about reforms in such a glorious department, I equipped it, even in 1991, with the most modern weaponry and vehicles. Police personnel were trained in handling them also. Besides, several other facilities like new buildings for police stations and connecting all districts through Digital Microwave Network were provided. As a result, the Tamil Nadu Police Department has become famous in the whole of India as a force that can function very effectively with technological skill and with an individuality of its own.

Police reform encompasses several dimensions like the overall activities of the department, modernising the department, improving their skills to meet the demands of the changing environment and creating an atmosphere where they can function

independently and impartially and with honesty within the confines of law. By way of implementing these things, without dumping several existing laws totally but at the same time fulfilling the spirit of the reforms, this draft bill has been introduced and has been taken up for consideration.

The Supreme Court has given its judgment in 2006 on the Prakash Singh's petition seeking the implementation of the recommendations of the Police Commission set up in 1977. As per this judgment:

1. Every State should pass a new Police Act.
2. Till this Police Act is enacted, State Government should follow the guidelines set forth in its judgment in respect of State Security Commission, appointment of the Director General of Police and minimum years of his tenure, minimum tenure for other important posts, separation the investigation

section, Police Establishment Board and the empowered set-up to deal with complaints against the police.

On the basis of this Supreme Court verdict, a draft bill – Tamil Nadu Police Act 2008 – was tabled on 14.5.2008 in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly. But it was not enacted till I assumed office in May, 2011.

My Government decided to enact a law to bring in Police reforms and by way of implementing the Supreme Court's guidelines.

As the Legislative Assembly was not in session, an ordinance was promulgated on 10.9.2013 and was gazetted the next day.

Following this, the Tamil Nadu Police (Reforms) Act 2013 was introduced by me in the Legislative Assembly on 25.10.2013 and today it has been taken up for consideration.

This draft bill does not annul laws like the Tamil Nadu Police Act, 1859 and the Chennai City Police act of 1888 but is based solely on the guidelines enunciated in the Supreme Court judgment which do not find a place in those Acts.

As for the post of the Director General of Police (DGP), the present draft bill provides, as per the Supreme Court guidelines, for the appointment of one from among the five seniormost officers of the department listed by the Union Public Service Commission and that the incumbent will hold the office for 2 years irrespective of his age of retirement.

The posts of the presiding officers of the police station, police district and police commissionerate are important ones. Hence the duration of these three posts alone has been fixed as two years. Other posts are mostly

supervisory. Hence no restriction has been enjoined on those posts.

The Supreme Court had instructed that a State Security Commission be set up to offer recommendations on the general policy framework of the Police Department. The Draft Bill provides for such an establishment. The Minister in charge of Police will be the chairperson of this Commission. The Leader of the Opposition, the chairperson of the State Women's Commission, the chairman of the State Minorities Commission, Chief Secretary to Government and Secretary, Home Department will be the Members. The DGP will be the Member-Secretary.

The Supreme Court order stipulates the setting up of a Police Establishment Board to deal with the issues of transfer and production. The Draft Bill provides for the setting up of such a Board headed by the DGP and with the Additional DGPs of Administration, Law and Order, Headquarters, and Intelligence as Members.

One of the recommendations of the Supreme Court is the separation of Law and Order and Investigation wings. Section 9 of the Draft Bill provides for the functioning of a separate investigation wing in every police station and it will take steps for the investigation and for the court proceedings in all cases.

The Supreme Court has stated a Police Complaints Authority should be set up at the state and district levels. The draft Bill provides for it. Chapter 4 of this Bill details the powers of these bodies and the procedure for appeals. As for complaints against police personnel, a complaint section, under the control of the DGP will be set up and it will function under the supervision of an additional DGP. Besides

serving personnel, it has been provided that retired police officials or vigilance, intelligence and crime branch officials or personnel from other department or retirees can also work in this complaints section.

Hon'ble Members have given their views on this draft bill. I wish to offer certain clarifications in respect of these views and the amendments moved.

The Draft Bill has been prepared after detailed scrutiny and after getting the opinion of eminent lawyers. The ordinance itself was promulgated after careful examination of the Supreme Court's judgment and the laws enacted by different states. The Bill prepared on the basis of the ordinance has now been taken up for consideration.

The amendment for the deletion of "on other administrative grounds to be recorded in writing" in section 3(3)(e) which deals with the removal of the DGP and a similar one to 4(2)(1)(i) cannot be accepted. This is because all the reasons for the removal from the post cannot be anticipated and listed. The clause has been included for a contingency where a dismissal has been necessitated for some important or essential administrative reasons. As the reasons has to be recorded in writing there is no chance for its misuse or for its use without valid grounds.

Likewise the amendments for inclusion of certain clauses to section (3) are also unnecessary. This is because there is no chance of a Minister's interference where he cannot legally interfere. As per the Criminal Procedure Code, no one can interfere in the job of the officer-in-charge of the police station or that of the investigating officer. Even the higher police officer cannot order

the filing of on FIR against a person, or desist from the filing of on FIR. If need be, a higher police officer can take over the investigation himself and act as per the powers conferred under Sec. 36 of the Cr. P.C. When the law is so clear, there is no chance for a Minister or other Government officials to interfere. Hence there is no need for inclusion of the above mentioned sub clauses.

The demand for amending sec. 5(1) in a way as to spell out the reason for setting up the State Security Commission cannot also be entertained. This is because Sec. 6 sets out in detail the Commission's functions, responsibilities and powers. Moreover the members of the commission are the Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly and the Heads of the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, State Human Rights Commission, State Women's Commission and the State Minorities Commission. Hence there is no need for this amendment.

As for the members of the Commission, the Draft Bill has taken care of it as per the recommendations of the Supreme Court and that of the Sorabjee Committee. So there is no need for any change in sec. 5 (2).

As I have mentioned earlier there is no chance for a Minister or Government officer to interfere in matters where they have no legal authority to do so. As the activities of police personnel come under the scrutiny and review of the independent State Security Commission, there is no need for the inclusion of the proposed sub-clauses to sec. 6.

The demand for the deletion of sec. 8(6) also cannot be accepted. It is necessary to delineate the responsibilities, activities and powers of the employees' Committees at

the State, Zonal, Regional, City and District levels. These details will be explained in the rules to be framed under this act. Matters connected with the job of those in subordinate posts will be treated as internal matters of the department. Rules will be framed in such a way as to eliminate political or Government interference.

The amendment that a retired High Court/ Supreme Court judge should be the chairperson of the State Police Complaints Authority, is unnecessary. At present, cases of custodial death or sexual assault of a woman in custody are referred to Courts under sec. 176(1-A) of Cr.Pc. Further action is taken on the basis of this court enquiry and on its recommendations. Also whenever allegations arise about infliction of grievous injuries while in custody or torture of the accused or of a culprit, a Revenue Divisional Officer enquiry is instituted as per the Police standing orders. As there is scope for impartial enquiry in regard to major charges there is no need for a judge to head the Complaint Authority. The same explanation holds good for the demand for amending Sec. 14(2).

Sec. 12(1) stipulates that complaints against police personnel should be filed in the form of affidavits signed by an authorised Notary Public. There is no need to amend this section. This is an arrangement to prevent filing of false charges. Any action taken by a police officer is likely to leave any one of the parties -- petitioner or respondent, complainant or the accused -- dissatisfied. As there is a possibility of the filing of false complaints out of frustration and causing inconvenience to officials, it has been stipulated that complaints should be filed in affidavit forms. This explanation holds good for Sec. 15(a) also.

The amendment to Sec. 13(1) is unnecessary. It is not correct to say that the only power vested with the State/District complaint Authority is to refer the complaints to the complaint section of the Police Department. Sec. 13(2) stipulates that the State Police Complaints Authority should forward its recommendations to the State Government. Hence this Authority has the power to make recommendations on the basis of the Enquiry Report. Likewise, the District Authority too has powers under Sec. 16(b) to submit its recommendations to the State Government for further action. If all the complaints are to be enquired by the complaints Authority and action taken thereafter, it will amount to staying the action taken immediately by higher officials. If there is such a departmental action, it is possible that the officials against whom charges are levelled can place hurdles by approaching the Courts with the plea that action can be taken only through the Complaints Authority. Without hampering the well-oiled machinery of disciplinary action, the draft Bill provides for its supervision. The same explanation holds good for the amendment given to Sec. 16(a).

Under Sec. 13(2), the State-level Complaint Authority is free to register the First Information Report and make recommendations for departmental action. Hence the amendments to this section are unnecessary. This explanation applies to the amendments given to Sec. 16(b).

I think my explanations will be acceptable to you.



Government to honour memory of Nesamani

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalithaa's Government deems it its prime duty to honour the great people who have done the State proud and the leaders who have toiled for its development.

After assuming office as Chief Minister for a third time, the Hon'ble Chief Minister ordered that the birth anniversary of Erattimalai Seenivasan, who had dedicated his life to the upliftment of the Scheduled Castes, be celebrated as a Government function. Accordingly, every year, July 7, his birth anniversary day is celebrated .

Likewise, after a directive from the Hon'ble Chief Minister, work is on for erecting statues for Thyagi Chidambaranathan, who toiled for the merger of Kanniyakumari District with Tamil Nadu at Kaliyakkavilai in that district, for Kavimani Desika Vinayakam Pillai at Sucheendram, and for Keezhapazhuvar Chinnasami, a language agitation Thyagi at Tiruchirapalli.

Thiru. A. Nesamani, a native of Kanniyakumari district and an advocate served the people as the Chairman of Nagercoil Municipality, and as an MLA and MP, and successfully conducted several agitations for the merger of Kanniyakumari District with Tamil Nadu. He was hailed as Marshal Nesamani and 'Kumari Thanthai' Nesamani.

It is the long-standing desire of the people of Kanniyakumari District that by way of glorifying the greatness of Marshal Nesamani, the day on which Kanniyakumari District merged with Tamil Nadu should be celebrated as a Government function.

Acceding to their request, the Hon'ble Chief Minister directed that floral tributes be offered on behalf of the Tamil Nadu Government to the statue of Marshal Nesamani at Nagercoil every year on November 1, the day Kanniyakumari District merged with Tamil Nadu ceding from the princely state of Travancore. ■

On the orders of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Hon'ble Ministers offered floral tributes to the statue of Marshal Nesamani at Kanniyakumari on November 1, 2013.





Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu made the following statement in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 14.5.2013 under Assembly Rule 110.

“To encourage the Best Software Designers in Tamil for the development of computer Tamil so that the language can spread all over the world through computer in tune with the developing Information Technology, an award named “Chief Minister Computer Tamil Award” will be instituted.”

A Government order has been issued for presenting this award through the Department of Tamil Development. (G.O(MS.)No.163) Tamil Development and Information (T.D1-2) Department Date 5.7.2013).

The awardee will get, along with the award amount of Rs.1,00,000/-, a gold medal of one

sovereign and a citation. The award for 2013 is to be presented on the coming Tamil New Year day (14.4.2014).

The Software sent for the competition should have been developed between the years 2010 and 2012.

The application form and the Rules for the ‘Chief Minister Computer Tamil Award’ competition for 2013 can be downloaded free of cost from the Department’s website (www.tamilvalarchithurai.org).

The last date for receipt of applications is 31.12.2013.

Applications should be sent to:

**Director of Tamil Development,
Tamil Development Directorate,
Halls Road, Egmore,
Chennai-600 008.**



Focus on cultural richness of Tamil Nadu

To cherish, protect and encourage the fine arts and performing arts, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has allotted Rs. 1 crore for cultural functions throughout the state to be conducted along with private institutions.

Under this plan, one or two functions under the International cultural exchange programme and 5 or 6 under the inter-state cultural programme will be organized in a year. By way of highlighting the richness of Tamil culture, programmes like state cultural function, Margazhi Isai Vizha, State-level display of Fine Arts, Natyanjali, and cultural programmes in Tourist centres will also be conducted. Through these events, the age-old art and cultural traditions of Tamil Nadu will get global recognition.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has allotted Rs. 1 crore for construction of a new gallery in Madras Museum, to exhibit unexhibited collections of the museum. The gallery will have facilities like focusing lights, mounts, exhibit cases, name tags and scientific classification of exhibits.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed the setting up of a "Pre History Park" at the Archaeological Depository at Poondi in Tiruvallur District at a cost of Rs.20 lakh. In this park, imposing models depicting the life style in ancient times will be exhibited. Models of animals like Nilgai, horse and bison that roamed these parts in the stone age, images of elephants, dinosaurs, jungle cat, rhinoceros and extinct birds, hunting by ancient man with stone implements and cave designs will be exhibited. Infrastructure and lighting facilities will be undertaken. ■



‘SRI LANKA MUST BE TOLD TO STOP ATTACKS AGAINST INDIAN FISHERMEN’

**D.O. Letter dated 15.10.2013 addressed by Selvi J Jayalalithaa,
Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to Dr. Manmohan Singh,
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India**

“I am extremely distressed to be writing to you yet again bringing to your notice the most recent two cases of apprehension of innocent Indian fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy on 14th October, 2013. The Government of India's most lackadaisical and insensitive handling of the entire issue has led to the repeated, increasingly frequent and brutal attacks on Indian fishermen peacefully pursuing their

livelihood in their traditional fishing waters. The meek and pusillanimous response of the Government of India to these repeated attacks have emboldened the Sri Lankan Navy to mount more and more unprovoked attacks on our fishermen.

I would like to bring to your notice the latest two incidents which occurred on 14-10-2013. 22 Indian fishermen



along with their 5 fishing boats belonging to Rameswaram of Ramanathapuram District of Tamil Nadu have been apprehended by the Sri Lankan Navy. These fishermen of Rameswaram fishing base set out for fishing on 14-10-2013 in five mechanized fishing boats bearing registration numbers IND-TN-10-MM-566, IND-TN-10-MM-1004, IND-TN-10-MM-2794, IND-TN-10-MM-1029 and IND-TN-10-MM-1033. When they were fishing in their traditional fishing waters, they were apprehended by the Sri Lankan Navy and taken to Thalaimannar for further investigation.

In the second incident, 15 fishermen in 4 mechanised fishing boats belonging to Jagadhapattinam of Pudukkottai District of Tamil Nadu have also been apprehended by the Sri Lankan Navy when they were fishing in their traditional fishing area in Palk Bay.

Incidents of abduction and detention for long periods in prison have multiplied, even as the Government of India takes little or no action to convey India's strong protest or to use coercive diplomacy to put an end to these marauding attacks. None of my letters to you on this subject have evoked a substantive response. Even when the Union Minister for External Affairs visited Sri Lanka recently there appears to have been little meaningful dialogue on this issue, and the statements emanating from these talks appear to indicate that this very serious livelihood problem of hundreds of thousands of our fishermen is, in

fact, being treated as a backyard squabble to be sorted out by the fishermen associations of both countries. To me this appears to be the height of casualness, indifference and insensitivity in dealing with this vexatious issue.

I am constrained to observe that this dismissive attitude of the Government of India towards the fishermen from Tamil Nadu is in stark contrast to the Government of India's response to the recent incident of firing on fishermen from Gujarat on the high seas. The Government of India, it is learnt, rightly lost no time in conveying its stern response in the form of a summons to the Deputy High Commissioner of Pakistan to communicate its protest. However, the continued insensitive and ham-handed treatment of the Tamil Nadu fishermen issue in the Palk Bay is fast alienating the fishermen community in Tamil Nadu, who justifiably feel that they have been let down by their own National Government.

May I once again urge your personal intervention and exhort you to take up this matter with the Government of Sri Lanka in a tangible and meaningful manner and also instruct our diplomats in Sri Lanka to secure the immediate release of the 65 fishermen from Tamil Nadu including the 37 apprehended on 14.10.2013 and their 35 boats still in Sri Lankan custody? I also request you to impress upon the Sri Lankan Government in the strongest possible manner to discontinue their military action against our unarmed poor fishermen.”





‘No to CHOGM Meet in Colombo at any level’

D.O. letter dated 17.10.2013

addressed by

Selvi J Jayalalithaa,

**Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil
Nadu to Dr. Manmohan Singh,
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India**

“This is with reference to the forthcoming Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) and the Leaders’ Retreat scheduled to be held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, in November, 2013, and the question of India’s participation in the meeting. You may recall that, in my letter of 25th March, 2013, on the subject, I had urged you that as part of a strong diplomatic initiative in favour of restoration of rights of the long-suffering Tamil

minority in Sri Lanka, India must stay away from the CHOGM to be held in Colombo.

As I have emphasized in my earlier letters, the present Sri Lankan regime stands accused of committing genocide, war crimes and ongoing human rights abuses against the Sri Lankan Tamil minority and continues to deny them equality and democratic

freedom and thereby clearly violates the central credo of the Commonwealth. Against this background, the participation of India in this event will amount to an endorsement of these excesses. Such participation will not only embolden the Sri Lankan regime but will also incense public opinion and sentiment in Tamil Nadu on this very sensitive issue even further. It will also have adverse implications on the internal security situation in Tamil Nadu. Political parties, students and civil Society are staging protests, rallies and public agitations. The participation of India in the forthcoming CHOGM at Colombo will further aggravate the situation in Tamil Nadu.

The Prime Minister of Canada has already issued a Statement in which he has categorically stated that the Sri Lankan Government has failed to uphold the Commonwealth's core values, which are cherished by Canadians and that he will not attend the 2013, CHOGM in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Mr Prime Minister, against this overall background of continuing human rights violations and discrimination against the long suffering Tamil minority in Sri Lanka by the Sri Lankan Government, I strongly exhort you to ensure that the Government of India stays away from the CHOGM in Colombo. This will exert diplomatic pressure on Sri Lanka to adopt a more reasonable approach towards its Tamil minority population. It

will also emphatically demonstrate India's commitment to upholding the values of democracy and respect for human rights globally and, in particular, in our neighbourhood. It will also be an expression of India's empathy and solidarity with Tamils, not only in Tamil Nadu but elsewhere.

I learn from media reports that you have conveyed that you will keep in mind the sentiments of the Tamil people in deciding on your personal participation at the CHOGM in Sri Lanka. **I wish to reiterate Tamil Nadu's view that India should not participate in the CHOGM hosted by Sri Lanka at any level whether titular, ministerial or official.** Only such an action will convey India's unequivocal stand that it will not tolerate the violation of human rights of the Sri Lankan Tamil minority. I hope you will respect the sentiments of the people of Tamil Nadu and unanimous view across party lines and convey India's decision to stay away from the forthcoming CHOGM at Colombo in November 2013.” ■





Safety of Indian Fishermen sought

D.O. letter dated 28.10.2013 addressed by Selvi J Jayalalithaa, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu to Dr. Manmohan Singh, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

“I wish to draw your attention to an incident of the Sri Lankan Navy opening fire on an Indian fishing boat from Rameswaram in Tamil Nadu on 26th October, 2013. It is learnt that 6 innocent fishermen belonging to Rameswaram had set out in a mechanised fishing boat bearing registration number IND-TN-10-MM-756 to eke out their livelihood in the high seas. While they were fishing near Dhanuskodi around 1.30 PM on 26.10.2013, the Sri Lankan Navy menacingly approached them and without warning indiscriminately opened fire. The fishermen onboard narrowly escaped the bullets which pierced the wheel house of the fishing boat under attack and damaged the windscreen glasses of the wheel house. The frightened fishermen halted their fishing and fled in panic to save their lives.

This unwarranted, ruthless and inhuman attack on innocent fishermen belonging to

Tamil Nadu who were peacefully pursuing their traditional avocation has caused immense outrage and frustration amongst the fishermen community in Tamil Nadu. This incident clearly illustrates how the lives of our innocent fishermen are placed in danger by the hostile acts of the Sri Lankan Navy despite repeated assurances of the Government of Sri Lanka from time to time. The presence of the Indian Navy and Coast Guard who are to guard Indian nationals and our boundaries at sea has also not been a deterrent to the marauding acts of the Sri Lankan Navy.

This belligerent act of the Sri Lankan Navy is a sharp escalation of the actions of apprehension, detention and incarceration for long periods of time of innocent fishermen belonging to Tamil Nadu. As you are aware there are already 75 fishermen from Tamil Nadu and

35 boats in Sri Lankan custody. This incident needs to be taken extremely seriously by you, Mr. Prime Minister, before the situation further escalates and more innocent lives are lost.

Therefore, I strongly urge you to unequivocally condemn this act of the Sri Lankan Navy and take up this matter personally at the highest level in Sri Lanka

to ensure an immediate de-escalation of the aggressive posture adopted by the Sri Lankan Navy. The Palk Bay and the Gulf of Mannar are traditional fishing waters of the fishermen of the Southern Coast of Tamil Nadu and the Government of India must ensure that their lives, avocations and fishing rights are protected.” ■



Buildings for Land Surveyors in 100 firkas

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has allotted Rs.12.71 crore for construction of office-cum-residence buildings in 100 firkas in the first phase for the use of firka land surveyors.

There are 1,136 firkas in Tamil Nadu and 1,094 posts have been created for firka land surveyors. The surveyors' work are all people connected. To facilitate people's easy access to these firka land surveyors, the Hon'ble Chief Minister approved a plan to construct office-cum-residence buildings for these surveyors.

Documents connected with rural lands alone have so far been computerised. As for urban areas, computerisation of land documents is being done with the software developed by the National Information Centre. The software has been so designed as to upload the details in the urban land documents into the computer.

As part of the computerisation programme of urban land documents, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the uploading of one lakh urban survey numbers in the taluks of Fort-Tondiarpet, Egmore-Nungambakkam and Mylapore Triplicane and has allotted Rs.10 lakh for this.



CHIEF MINISTER DETAILS HOW SHE PUT POWER BACK INTO THE POWER FRONT

**Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa's
reply on 25.10.2013 to a special Call attention notice
on the Power situation in the State (*English Translation*)**

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

Hon'ble Members Selvi. Bala Bharathi and Thiru. Arumugam referred in their speeches to the power cut prevailing in Tamil Nadu. They said that those running small and micro industries have been affected on account of this. At the outset, I wish to state that as of today, there is no situation that warrants concern about power cut.

Though Nature has bestowed us with several sources of energy, it is no exaggeration to say that electricity is the one that is widely utilised by people and it is the fulcrum for economic development. Just as invisible electricity is felt by its utilitarian values, I am confident that the speedy steps I have been

taking to increase power generation and make Tamil Nadu a power surplus State, though not visible would have been easily felt by the people of Tamil Nadu, through the present uninterrupted supply.

A bright Tamil Nadu was plunged into darkness on account of the earlier minority DMK Government's negligence, administrative inefficiency and lack of vision.

When I took over governance in 2011 Tamil Nadu's power-shortage was to the extent of 4000 MW. The reason for this was non preparation of plans for new power projects to meet the needs that increase by the year, non-execution in a proper way of projects that have been commenced already, failure to improve

the power supply infrastructure and failure to procure electricity from other states on a long-term basis.

When I was Chief Minister between 1991 and 1996, 1,302 MW installed capacity was created. During the DMK regime between 1996 and 2001, a mere 561 MW installed capacity was created.

When I was Chief Minister for the second between 2001-2006, 2,518 MW installed capacity was created. We won Central Government awards for the excellent performance of our thermal power plants. Tamil Nadu was one of the foremost States in wind energy generation. In sum, Tamil Nadu was a power surplus State. During the regime of the subsequent minority DMK Government between 2006-2011, the installed capacity was increased by a mere 206 MW.

Though power demand increased in Tamil Nadu, there was no power shortage in the first year of the minority DMK regime. This was because the installed capacity had been increased during my regime between 2001 and 2006. I wish to point out in this context that even the then Electricity Minister Thiru. Arcot Veerasamy told the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 03.04.2007 that Tamil Nadu alone was a surplus state in power generation in the whole country. This situation lasted only for a short time. From the end of 2007 itself the situation started turning topsy turvy. From the year 2008, power shortage became rampant throughout the State.

There are several reasons for the situation to deteriorate to this extent such as improper maintenance of thermal stations, not expediting power generation schemes and inability to get Tamil Nadu's share of power from the Central pool. Still, this shortage could have been managed if power had been procured on a long term basis, that is on Case I basis. If the earlier minority DMK Government had done this, we could have got electricity at a low rate. But it did not do that. On the other hand, it had made it a habit to purchase electricity on a short term basis at a higher price. The difficulty got compounded as congestion occurred in power transmission lines and priority was accorded to states that had entered into long term procurement agreements. This resulted in a situation where electricity could not be procured even if a higher price was offered.

After I assumed charge as Chief Minister for a third time, I took steps to manage the power shortage. I have spoken on several occasions in this Assembly on the steps my Government has taken to remove the shortage and about future plans. I had said that before this year closed, power shortage would be eliminated.

As for the 600 MW Mettur thermal station works, only 55 per cent of the works were completed in the 5 years of the earlier minority DMK's rule. As I expedited the execution of the scheme, works have been completed and we are getting 500 MW of power continuously from this plant.

In the first unit of the North Chennai Thermal Station stage II, less than 50 per cent

of the works were completed in the previous minority DMK rule. After I took over the administration, works were expedited and now we are getting 300 MW from this unit. From December we will get 600 MW.

Work on the 600 MW second unit of the North Chennai Thermal Station stage II was completed only up to 40 per cent in the earlier minority DMK Government's rule. After I took over the remaining 60 per cent work was completed and now it is under trial run. We are getting 350 to 450 MW from this unit. From November end, it is expected that we will get 600 MW.

Work on the 3x500 MW Vellur plant in North Chennai, a joint venture with the National Thermal Power Corporation and established during my previous regime, progressed at snail's pace in the earlier minority DMK's rule. As a result of the expeditious works after we took over, two units have started commercial production respectively on 29.11.2012 and 25.08.2013. The 3rd unit will go into production from May next.

All these new plants have started power generation, and we are at present getting an additional 1,700 MW.

Work on the 2x500 MW Thermal Station being established at Thoothukudi jointly by the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board and the Neyveli Lignite Corporation is being executed speedily. As the land acquired from the V.O.C. Fort Trust for this plant is classified as 'Forest' in revenue records, a petition has been filed in the Supreme Court for the reclassification

of the land. You have to understand what this means. The Congress-led Central Government did not give permission when permission was sought to classify the land needed for a power plant. That is why, I wish to clarify, we have filed a petition in the Supreme Court. Steps needed to get the court's permission have been expedited. Steps are being taken to start power generation from this plant from May next.

Besides, 500 MW of power is being procured from June this year from other states for a period of 3 years.

Above all these things, applications were invited for getting 1000 MW + 20% on a long term basis of 15 years. Tenders were received for supply to an extent of 3430 MW. Of this, agreements were signed with 4 producers in August to get 1208 MW. Permission was obtained from the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulation Authority to get 2122 MW of power additionally from these tenderers. By these measures taken by this Government, supply of 3330 MW of power for 15 years has been firmed up. Of this, major supply will come from Chattisgarh and Odisha states.

I have spoken several times in this Assembly about the absence of power transmission corridors to get electricity from other States. At present, such corridors with 765 KV capacity are being erected from Sholapur in Maharashtra State to Raichur in Karnataka State. They are expected to become operational in the first quarter of 2014. When this corridor and its subsidiary corridors are commissioned we will be able to get the procured electricity in full measure.

Due to the bounty of the South West Monsoon this year all our hydel reservoirs have reached their full capacity. The Meteorological Department has predicted an equally good North East Monsoon. On account of these, power generation in Tamil Nadu has increased.

The power demand that was 180 million units in October last has touched a peak of 270 million units this year. I wish to mention on this occasion that on October 1 this year, the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board met an all time peak demand of 12,118 MW.

For delta farmers 3-phase current is supplied daily for 12 hours from 15.6.2013.

In accordance with the announcement I had already made that power cut would be relaxed gradually, the power cut for High Tension Industry and commercial consumers had been reduced to 20 per cent from 40 per cent from 01.10.2013 except in the peak demand hours of 6 pm to 10 pm.

For domestic consumers, though the load shedding is 2 hours in Chennai and 3 hours in other areas, the fact is that in most of the days there is no load shedding at all. That is, the undeclared power cut in the earlier minority DMK rule has now given way to non-implementation of declared power cut.

This is the major difference between DMK rule and AIADMK rule. The people were cheated during the DMK rule. No announcement was made about power cut. But there was power cut. As the quantum of power cut went on increasing, it could not be

hidden any longer. All came to know of it. As far as we are concerned we have set right a bad situation. With a sense of alertness and caution that we should not slip up after holding out a promise, we say there will be power cut. But we are supplying electricity without any cut.

As I have announced already, power paucity will be removed soon and all sections of consumers will enjoy uninterrupted power supply.

Considering the future power needs of Tamil Nadu, I had announced several schemes in this Assembly. I wish to point out the action taken on them.

Tenders have been obtained for the Rs. 4000 crore 660 MW Ennore Thermal Power Scheme Expansion unit and their scrutiny is in the final stage. Orders will soon be issued for the implementation of the scheme and works will commence.

Tenders have been received for the Rs. 8000 crore 2X660 MW Ennore Special Economic Zone Thermal Power Scheme and they are under scrutiny. Orders will soon be issued for this.

For a similar 2X660 MW Thermal Power Scheme at Udangudi with a coal Jetty at an estimated cost of Rs. 9000 crore, tenders have been received and are under examination. This will also be finalised soon and orders will be issued and work commence.

Preparatory works are under way for the new 2X800 MW Uppur Thermal Power Scheme in Ramanathapuram District.

In the last session of the Assembly, I had announced that a Rs. 7000 crore 2000 MW Sillahalla Water Pumping Hydro Power Scheme will be launched in Nilgiris District. Inspection work for this started on 22.08.2013 and is continuing.

I had also stated that new Power-Sub-Stations and transmission lines would be set up for distribution of the generated power to various parts of the State.

A plan was announced for strengthening the infrastructure in Tamil Nadu, particularly Chennai and its Chain Connections at an estimate of Rs. 5000 crore with a Japanese financial assistance component of Rs. 3,572 crore. As per this plan, five 400 KV sub stations, fourteen 230 KV substations and connected transmission corridors are to be set up. Of these, tenders were invited and finalised for five 230 KV sub stations. Tenders have been invited for two 400 KV stations and seven 230 KV stations. For the remaining three 400 KV sub stations and two 230 KV sub stations tenders are to be invited.

Likewise, I had announced that 56 new sub-stations will be set up at a cost of Rs. 8000 crore. Of these, trial run has started in 5 sub stations; work is on in 24 sub-stations; work on 7 sub stations is about to commence; tenders for 13 sub stations are under scrutiny and tenders are to be invited for 7 sub-stations.

It was announced that a 400 KV sub-station would be set up at Thiruvalam in Vellore District for receiving electricity from other States. Tenders have been finalised for this

sub-station and connected 400 KV power corridors, work orders issued and works have started.

I had released a 'Solar Energy Policy 2012' with a view to increase electricity generated by tapping non-conventional energy sources. As per this policy, 3000 MW of electricity should be generated in 3 years through solar power. In the first phase solar power plants are to be set up to generate 1000 MW of electricity. Tenders were invited for setting up these plants and for procuring the electricity so generated. Tenders for 698 MW of power generated and procurement have been finalised.

My Government is taking great efforts to rectify the financial position of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, the apex body in charge of power generation and distribution. As on 31.03.2011 the total loss incurred by the Board was of the order of Rs.40,375 crore. To restore the Board back to its original state by way of making good the loss, a financial reform plan is being implemented. As per this plan, 50 per cent of the Board's short term loan burden will be borne by the Government. As for the Board's outstanding loan of Rs. 6353.49 crore, indemnity bonds have been executed with banks. The Tamil Nadu Government will bear the principal and interest on these bonds. Also, the Government has provided guarantee to re-streamline the bank loan of Rs. 5,951.43 crore. Besides, the Government has also stood guarantee for the Board raising a loan of Rs. 22,700 crore.

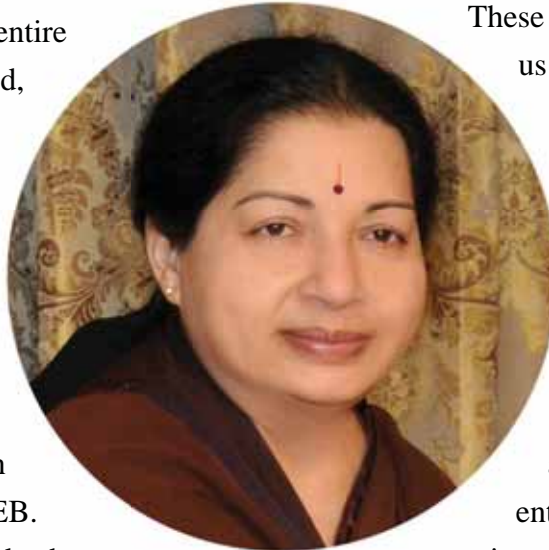
My Government has provided financial assistance of Rs. 7,913.35 crore to the Board

in 2011-2012 and Rs. 11,242 crore in 2012-2013. For 2013-2014, an all time high of Rs. 12,197 crore has been allotted. Of this, the subsidy component of Rs. 4,749.90 crore has already been disbursed. Also, Rs. 500 crore has been given as share capital.

During DMK rule, the entire power sector was ruined, destabilised and taken to the verge of bankruptcy and shutdown. Additionally, they left a loan burden of more than Rs.45,000 crore, Just now, I mentioned that they left a loan burden of Rs. 40,375 crore for TNEB.

You all should understand what the state of affairs was when we took over the administration. How to discharge this loan? How to rectify the Electricity Board's condition? Every one was aghast. I too was gravely worried .

The Reserve Bank of India had issued a circular to all banks in India not to lend money to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board. They had decided that the Board was beyond redemption. They issued orders not to lend money. We took it as a challenge and gradually restored the Board to its original state by standing guarantee, by providing money and freeing in from its loan burden more or less completely. Hence the Hon'ble Members need not have any worry. I say very categorically that very soon Tamil Nadu will be made a power surplus State. We will achieve it.



Last year when I made a similar statement, it seemed to some to be a tall claim. Now, when we say we will achieve it, everyone believes us because we have already achieved 99 per cent . Just one per cent remains. That too we will achieve before this year end.

These steps of mine will help us get the needed electricity quickly and will improve the financial position of the Electricity Board.

Hon'ble Members Selvi. Bala Bharathi and Thiru. Arumugam need not feel concerned about the workers or entrepreneurs of small and micro industries. We will create

a situation where power supply will be available round the clock and in a regular way.

Hon'ble Member Selvi. Bala Bharathi, while speaking mentioned there is power cut for small and micro industries. I wish to inform the house that there is no power cut for these industries.

The power cut for High Tension industries has also been reduced to 20 per cent from 01.10.2013.

In his speech, Hon'ble Member Thiru. Arumugam referred to power supply to agriculture. In the delta districts 3-phase power is made available for 12 hours; in other districts, the supply is for 9 hours on an average.





'Action on quarrying Beach Minerals after investigation team's report'

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalithaa's** speech on 29.10.2013 in reply to a question on beach minerals during the discussion on the first supplementary estimates for 2013-2014 (English Translation)

Following complaints of quarrying of Beach Minerals, this Government has suspended such quarrying operations altogether in the State. We have set up an investigation team on this. The team will inspect all the Beach Mineral quarries and submit a report to the Government. After that, the Government will take further action.

The economic growth of a country depends on the proper utilisation of its natural resources of minerals, water, land, sources of energy and forests. I am determined to root out exploitation of such precious resources without Government's prior permission or beyond the levels permitted by the Government.

I deem it my duty to inform this Assembly of the details and the true state of affairs about the illegal mining of beach minerals.

Mining lease for beach and river bed minerals --garnet, sillimanite, ilmenite, rutile, zircon, leucoxene and monosite-- is issued

under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act 1957 and Mineral Concession Rules 1960. Lease agreement is executed by the District Collector.

If minerals like garnet and sillimanite are found mixed with radioactive minerals listed in schedule I, Part B of the said Act, like ilmenite, rutile, zircon, leucoxene and monosite, the State Government can issue lease licence only after getting no objection certificate from the Atomic Energy Commission and after getting the approval of the Central Government under Section 5 (i) of the above Act.

If the lease area for mining major minerals inclusive of beach minerals is 5 to 50 hectares, it is enough if an environment clearance certificate is obtained from the State Environment Department. If the lease area is more than 50 hectares, environment certificate from the Central Government Environment and Forest Departments is to be obtained.

In coastal areas, 500 metres from the high tide level is classified as Coastal Regulatory Zone. For beach mineral quarrying in this area, a no objection certificate is to be obtained from the Central Environment and Forest Departments, as per the Coastal Regulatory Zone notification.

If the lease area is less than 5 hectares but comes under the Coastal Regulatory Zone, no objection certificate is to be obtained from the Central Environment and Forest Departments.

The Mining Corporation of India is vested with the power to clear the mining plan for the minerals garnet and sillimanite. For other minerals like rutile, ilmenite and zircon, the clearing authority is the Atomic Commission.

The Regional Controller of Mines, Indian Bureau of Mines is vested with the powers to suspend the lease licence if the quarrying is not according to the approved mining plan. The same authority can revoke the suspension also if the mistakes are rectified.

As determined by the Central Government, royalty for garnet mineral is collected at 3 per cent of the value quoted by the Indian Bureau of Mines every month. As for minerals like ilmenite and rutile, royalty is fixed at 2 per cent ad valorem of the sale price. Only the Central Government can fix the royalty amount.

The Thoothukudi District Collector, in his letter dated 06.08.2013 had complained about illegal mining in areas leased out for garnet, ilmenite, rutile and monosite minerals. He had suggested launching of a full-fledged investigation.

As per the report of the Thoothukudi District Collector, the Commissioner, Geology and Mining Department forwarded his recommendation to the Government on 08.08.2013. After examining these, my Government set up a special team under leadership of Revenue secretary Thiru. Gagandeep Singh Bedi IAS and asked it on 08.08.2013 to inspect the 6 leased out mining areas in Thoothukudi District and submit a report. My Government ordered the suspension of beach minerals quarrying in that district and directed the special team to submit its report within a month. The special team gave its report to me on 17.09.2013. The report is under Government's consideration. The Hon'ble Member asked what steps you had taken. I am detailing the steps we have taken.

The Commissioner, Geology and Mining Department, in his letter dated 17.09.2013 had stated that 71 beach mineral contracts had been issued to private parties -- 52 in Tirunelveli District, 11 in Tiruchirapalli district, 6 in Kanniyakumari district and 2 in Madurai district-- and private entrepreneurs were allowed to mine minerals like garnet, sillimanite, ilmenite, rutile, zircon, leucoxene and monosite.

The Commissioner had further recommended that the team deputed to inspect in Thoothukudi district could inspect these private quarries also and submit an integrated report.

On the basis of this recommendation, I ordered the setting up of a special team under

the leadership of the Revenue Secretary for inspecting the 71 mining areas leased out to private parties in the districts of Tirunelveli, Tiruchirapalli, Kanniyakumari and Madurai and submitting of a report to the Government. The quarrying of minerals in these districts was also suspended. A Government order has also been issued in this regard. I have also directed the special team to expedite its investigation and submit its report to Government.

The special team started its field inspection at the beach mineral quarries in Tirunelveli on 17.10.2013.

Thiru. R. Appu Natesan, former MLA, in his petition dated 21.12.2008 had urged the Government to take action against the companies Messrs Southern Enterprise and Indian Garnet Sand Company (P) Ltd, owned by Thiru. D. Daya Devadoss for environment violations in their mineral quarries located in Government poramboke lands in Tiruchi District. He had also obtained a direction to the Government from the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court through a writ petition filed on 09.02.2010 for Government auditing of the mineral quarrying lease given to these companies. The Government should submit its audit report to the court.

Following this, the Tiruchi District Collector set up a team, undertook a field audit and informed the Government that the two companies had mined several crores worth of garnet sand illegally. These irregularities were conveyed to the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court through

a Government letter on 14.11.2011. On the basis of this report, the High Court disposed of the writ petition on 18.11.2011 stating that appropriate action could be taken as per law on Thiru. R. Appu Natesan's 21.12.2008 dated petition after giving due opportunities to those connected with the case.

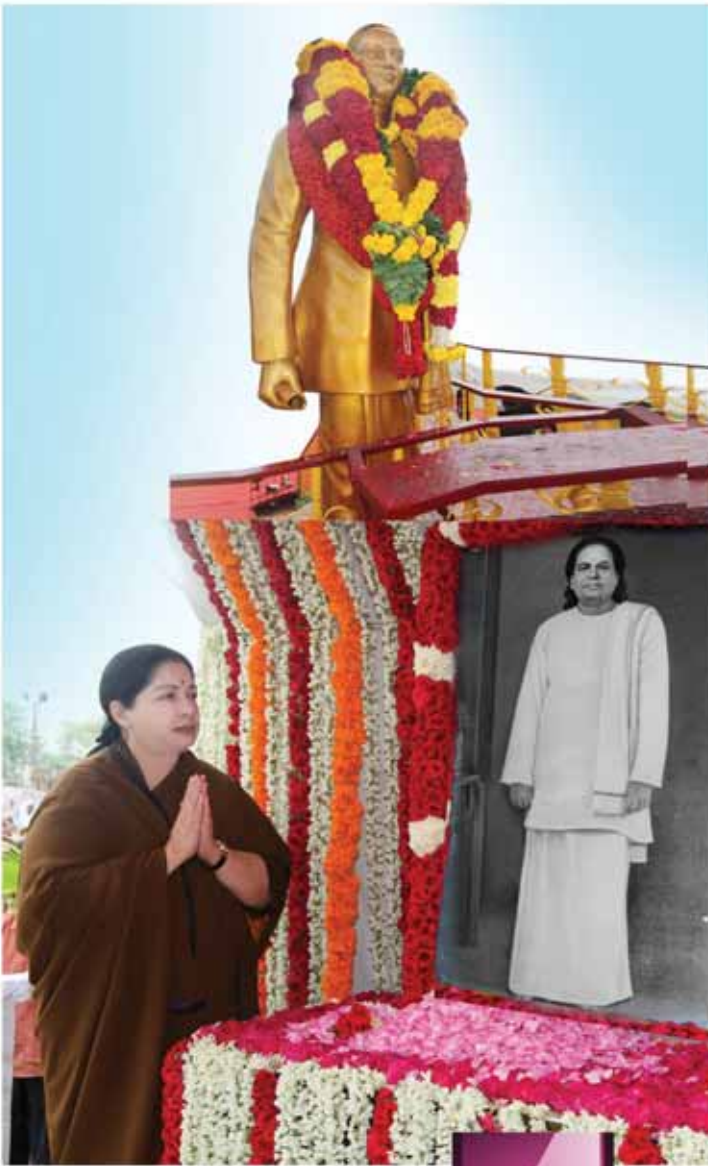
Thiru. Daya Devadoss has filed a review petition against the above order of the High Court.

However, the Government acting on the Tiruchi District Collector's report, cancelled the five mining lease licences given to the above companies through its orders dated 01.02.2013.

Against these orders 5 cases have been filed in the High Court by these companies. The Government has filed its counter in these cases.

The Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court, in its interim order issued on 06.02.2013 has directed that the illegally mined garnet sand in these quarries should not be removed and the petitioner too should not interfere with that sand. This interim order is now in force.

The review petition pending with the Madurai Bench and all other cases have been grouped and transferred to a Division Bench of the Madras High Court. In these circumstances, I wish to state that my Government will take a policy decision in respect of major mineral quarries on the basis of the report of the special team headed by the Revenue Secretary Thiru. Gagandeep Singh Bedi, IAS. ■

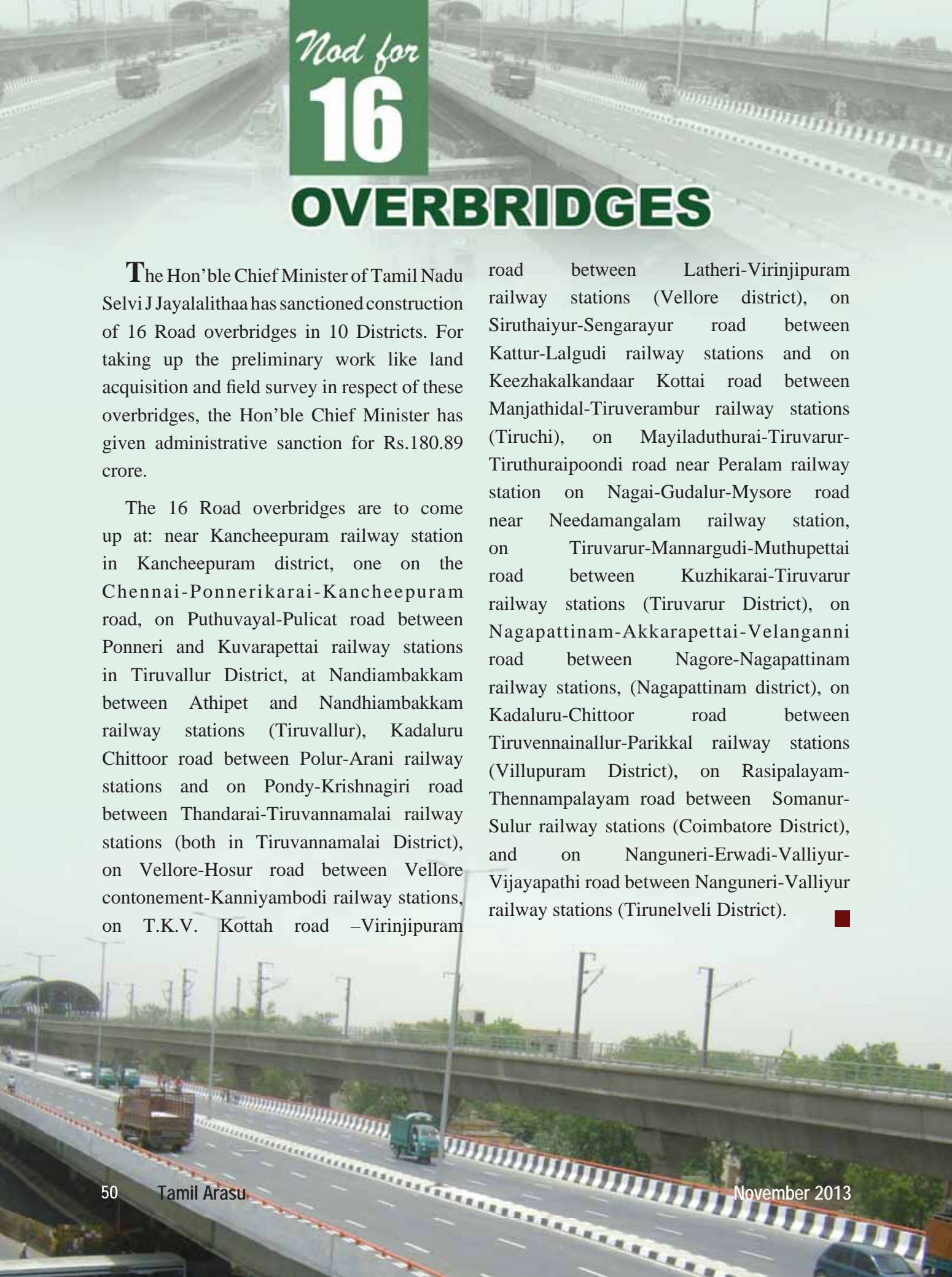


Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** paid homage to Pasumpon Muthuramalinga Thevar on October 30, 2013 on the occasion of his 108th birth anniversary by offering flowers to his portrait placed near his statue at Nandanam in Chennai.



Mr. Eivind S. Homme, Ambassador of Norway to India, made a courtesy call on the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** at the Secretariat on November 7, 2013.





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OVERBRIDGES

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has sanctioned construction of 16 Road overbridges in 10 Districts. For taking up the preliminary work like land acquisition and field survey in respect of these overbridges, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has given administrative sanction for Rs.180.89 crore.

The 16 Road overbridges are to come up at: near Kancheepuram railway station in Kancheepuram district, one on the Chennai-Ponnerikarai-Kancheepuram road, on Puthuvayal-Pulicat road between Ponneri and Kuvarapettai railway stations in Tiruvallur District, at Nandiambakkam between Athipet and Nandhiambakkam railway stations (Tiruvallur), Kadaluru Chittoor road between Polur-Arani railway stations and on Pondy-Krishnagiri road between Thandarai-Tiruvannamalai railway stations (both in Tiruvannamalai District), on Vellore-Hosur road between Vellore contonement-Kanniyambodi railway stations, on T.K.V. Kottah road -Virinjipuram

road between Latheri-Virinjipuram railway stations (Vellore district), on Siruthaiyur-Sengarayur road between Kattur-Lalgudi railway stations and on Keezhakalkandaar Kottai road between Manjathidal-Tiruverambur railway stations (Tiruchi), on Mayiladuthurai-Tiruvarur-Tiruthuraipoondi road near Peralam railway station on Nagai-Gudalur-Mysore road near Needamangalam railway station, on Tiruvarur-Mannargudi-Muthupettai road between Kuzhikarai-Tiruvarur railway stations (Tiruvarur District), on Nagapattinam-Akkarapettai-Velanganni road between Nagore-Nagapattinam railway stations, (Nagapattinam district), on Kadaluru-Chittoor road between Tiruvennainallur-Parikkal railway stations (Villupuram District), on Rasipalayam-Thennampalayam road between Somanur-Sulur railway stations (Coimbatore District), and on Nanguneri-Erwadi-Valliyur-Vijayapathi road between Nanguneri-Valliyur railway stations (Tirunelveli District). ■



‘Relief measures for Adi Dravidars whose houses were demolished’

**Reply given by the Hon’ble
Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Selvi J Jayalalithaa
on 30.10.2013 in
Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly
(English Translation)**

Hon’ble Speaker,

While participating in the debate on the first supplementary financial statement on 28.10.2013, the Hon’ble Member Thiru. S. Gunasekaran of the Communist Party of India referred to the demolition of Adi Dravidars’ houses in Sivagangai District on 15.08.2013 and requested financial allocation for re-building and renovating those houses.

I wish to offer my explanation on this. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Manamadurai went to Paappankulam on 12.08.2013 to make enquiries on a complaint he had received from one Chitharaivalli (Adi Dravidar) on 08.08.2013. The complaint was that one Seenivasan (Ahamudayar) had encroached upon his (Chitharaivalli) place. At that time, some Adi Dravidars under the leadership of one Sannasi lodged an oral complaint with the

Deputy Superintendent of Police to remove the encroachments on the approach road to the burial ground. The Manamadurai Dy.S.P. asked the Panchayat President who was there to take appropriate action on it.

On the orders of the Panchayat President, the land was surveyed on 14.08.2013 in the presence of the Village Administrative Officer (VAO) Balasubramanian and a retired surveyor Sivasubramanian and it was announced the encroachments would be removed on 15.08.2013. On 15.08.2013, the encroachments were removed in the presence of Thangaraj, husband of Sirugudi Panchayat President Amsavalli, VAO, Manamadurai Dy. Superintendent of Police and the Sub-Inspector of the SIPCOT police station. There was no opposition when the encroachments were removed. Land was again surveyed and all the remaining encroachments were removed on 18.08.2013 in the presence of the VAO and some Police personnel.

Following this, one Subramani of Paappankulam village met the Sivagangai District Superintendent of Police on 21.08.2013

and lodged a complaint that Thangaraj, Paappankulam VAO and Police had demolished the houses of the Adi Dravidar community on the pretext of removing the encroachments and sought action on it. A case was filed in the SIPCOT Police station on this complaint and the Karaikudi Dy. Superintendent of Police took up investigation.

The District Collector of Sivagangai visited the spot and inspected. Amsavalli and one Andi Ambalam were arrested in connection with this incident and sent to judicial custody.

The JCP machine involved in the incident was confiscated. The District Collector suspended the VAO Balasubramanian on 23.8.2013 and Sivagangai Tahsildar Gurusumuthu and Periakottai Revenue Inspector Saravanan on 26.08.2013.

A Sub-Inspector, 2 Special Sub-Inspectors and a Head Constable who were on security duty while the encroachments were removed, were suspended and departmental action was taken against them.

The Following relief measures were provided to the affected Adi Dravidar people:

- Rs.15,60,000 was given to the 26 affected Adi Dravidar families at the rate of Rs.60,000/- to each family.
- The affected people were lodged at the nearby Panchayat Union Middle School on 21.8.2013 for their safety.
- 13 Adi Dravidar students' in the affected area were taken to the Government Adi Dravidar School students' Hostel at Idaikattur and were admitted to it on 21.8.2013. Likewise a girl Adi Dravida College student was admitted to the Adi Dravida College Women's Hostel.
- Orders sanctioning old age pension were presented to 13 persons.
- The 26 affected Families were each given 20 kilos rice, 2 kilos toor dhal, one kilo urad dhal, one litre palm oil and one litre kerosene.
- In the affected village, a part time Fair Price shop started functioning from 3.10.2013.
- For the 7 families whose houses were demolished totally, temporary tents with electricity facility was erected at a cost of Rs.50,595/- and they were in use from 25.9.2013.
- For 27 Adi Dravidar women residents of the affected area, sewing machines were distributed at no cost on 21.8.2013 and 31.8.2013. Each machine costs Rs.3,500/- and their total cost is Rs.91,500/-.
- A+2 passed Adi Dravida girl who was a resident of the affected area, was admitted to the First year degree course in Economics (Tamil Medium) in Government Women's Arts College, Sivagangai on 08.10.2013. She also joined the Government Adi Dravidar College Women's Hostel in Sivagangai.

In the houses demolished at Paappankulam village, the extent of damage is: totally damaged-2 concrete houses and 5 thatched houses; extensive damage-one concrete house; partly damaged-5 concrete houses and 2 thatched houses; extensive damage of verandahs in 7 thatched houses and partly damaged verandahs in 4 thatched houses. Of the 26 houses so damaged, 19 have to be renovated. The remaining 7 have to be built

anew. Temporary tents have been provided to 7 families whose houses are inhabitable.

For the welfare of the affected persons, I have sanctioned Rs. 15.35 lakh for construction of concrete houses in lieu of the 7 houses that were totally damaged and Rs. 9,08,500/- for the renovation of the remaining 19 houses. Totally, Rs. 24,43,500/- have been sanctioned. ■

Birth Anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru - November 14

Jawaharlal **NEHRU**

As Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru set out to realise his vision of India. The Constitution of India was enacted in 1950, after which he embarked on an ambitious program of economic, social and political reforms. Chiefly, he oversaw India's transition from a monarchy to a republic, while nurturing a plural, multi-party democracy. In foreign policy, Nehru took a leading role in Non-Alignment while projecting India as a regional hegemon in South Asia.

Under Nehru's leadership, the Congress emerged as a catch-all party, dominating national politics and winning consecutive elections in 1951, 1957, and 1962. He remained popular with the people of India in spite of political troubles in his final years as exemplified by the defeat in the Sino-Indian War. Historian Ramachandra Guha writes, "[had] Nehru retired in 1958 he would be remembered as not just India's best prime minister, but as one of the great statesmen of the modern world." Nehru, thus, left behind a disputed legacy, being "either adored or reviled for India's progress or lack of it."



Steps to shore up Cauvery delta water system



The river bed levels in several places in the Cauvery delta area are coming down on account of erosion in rivers and canals. This creates a situation where water is not flowing freely from canals to branch canals. Hence the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has ordered the construction of base walls for restoring the bed levels to their original levels in the Cauvery, its branch rivers and drainage canals and thereby provide adequate irrigation facilities to farmers. On this basis, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has allotted Rs. 67.68 crore for constructing 25 irrigational infrastructures in Thanjavur District.

These structures are: 3 base walls at Kuthur, Konerirajapuram and Thiruchotruthurai in Tiruvaiyaru Taluk, 2 such walls in Ramarajapuram and Ukkadai in Papanasam Taluk, 4 such walls in Manalur, Aralur, Koothanoor and Kurichi in Tiruvidaimarudur Taluk, one each in Brammanpettai in Thanjavur Taluk and in Siramelgudi in Pattukottai Taluk (totally 11 walls); 6 check dams in Ayyanapuram, Sanjeevipuram, Thondarayanpadi, Kalvirayanpettai, Vannarapettai and Varavukottai in Thanjavur Taluk, 5 check dams at Thittakudi, Narasingapuram, Veppankulam, Moothakurichi and Vattakudi in Pattukottai Taluk and 3 check dams at Arasuthipattu, Arasapattu, Chinnaponnappur, Sadayarkovil and

Vandayaar Iruppu places in Orathanad Taluk (totally 14 check dams).

Marudaiyaru in Perambalur District receives good flows only during the monsoon seasons. By conserving these seasonal flows, irrigational facilities can be provided in that district. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed the setting up of a reservoir near Kottarai village in Alathur Taluk with a capacity of 423.16 million cubic feet (in 2 fillings) and has given administrative sanction for Rs. 108 crore for implementing the project. This will provide irrigation for 4,194 acres in 10 villages.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has directed the taking up of the second phase of rehabilitation programme of the Kalingarayan Canal at a cost of Rs. 41 crore, from 0.0 mile to 3.3 mile. In the first phase, rehabilitation work at a cost of Rs. 50 crore has been taken up for a stretch of 6.4 miles from 3.3 mile to 9.7 mile and is being executed.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has given administrative sanction for construction of a high-rise bridge across Coleroon river at a cost of Rs. 48 crore to connect the villages Melaramanallur and Keezharamanallur in Manavalam Panchayat in Ariyalur District with Manavalam Ezhakurichi, Vallakurichi, Thoothoor, Guruvai, T. Palur, Muthuvanction and Ariyalur Town. The two villages, remain like

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islands in the Coleroon river and get cut off during times of flood.

Administrative sanction has been accorded for digging a supply channel from Kuthur lake to Kaakankarai lake in Tirupattur Taluk in Vellore District at a cost of Rs. 2.71 crore. This will provide

irrigation facilities to 218 acres. Besides, the ayacuts of Kaakamkarai, Chinnappanaicken, Kudiyankuttai, Kullankuttai and Paradesipatti lakes will also benefit.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also allotted Rs. 19,81,75,000/- for laying 1,335 groundwater shafts in Cauvery and Vennar sub-basin areas in Tiruvarur District for re-charging the groundwater which got depleted due to overexploitation last year on account of the monsoon failure and Karnataka Government's refusal to release Tamil Nadu's share of water in the Cauvery.

Through these orders, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has sanctioned works costing Rs. 287.20 crore. ■

Do You Know?

For 6191 farmers in the Nilgris, Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri and Dindigul districts about Rs. 42.65 crore had been given as agriculture loan through Primary Agriculture Co-operative Societies for cultivating vegetables.

**For ginger cultivation in the Nilgiris District,
1008 farmers were
given Rs. 4.47 crore as loan.**

In the 30 Farm Fresh vegetable shops in the State 1,904, 641 metric tons of vegetables, valued at Rs. 5.32 crore had been sold till 16.10.2013.

Institute to Teach Food Processing to Farmers



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has directed the starting of a Research and Training Institute on food processing at the Dryland Agriculture Research Station at Chettinad, Sivagangai District through the Tamil Nadu Agriculture University. For construction of building and purchase of equipment, Rs. 49.32 lakh has also been allotted.

The demand for processed food is going up on account of urbanization, change in life style and increase in income. Hence, by encouraging the food processing industry, the income of farmers can be enhanced. For that, adequate training has to be given to farmers.



The Institute will train on implementing at farm or village level, procedures on grading vegetables and fruits, safe handling, packaging, reducing work burden through mechanisation in food processing, producing value added articles from agriculture waste, and production of cattle feed, fuel etc. It will also take up several other works like boosting the production of medicinal and nutrient added food articles, increasing shelf life through improved packaging techniques and creating awareness among farmers in this regard.

With an eye on emerging demand and global marketing, the institute will provide technical advice and training to farmers, entrepreneurs, small scale industrial entrepreneurs, self-help groups and school drop-outs. This will help promote self-employment in rural areas. ■



Swift steps rescue fishermen stuck in Odisha village

The initiative taken by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa resulted in the rescue of 18 fishermen of Tamil Nadu who had a close brush with storm Phailin when they were fishing off the coast of Odisha State.

The 18 fishermen belong to Thoothoor, Ezhudesam Chinnathurai, Eraiyumanthurai, Melmidaalam and Kodimunai areas of Vilavangodu Taluk, Kanniyakumari District. From 22.09.2013, they were engaged in deep sea fishing in 2 mechanised boats off the Odisha coast.

Their two boats Jaipavanputhra and Jai Bajrangbali are registered with the Fisheries Department of Odissa State -IND-OR-07-MM1203, IND-OR-07-MM-4- and they are engaged in fishing from the Astharanga Fishing Floor of that State for the last 2 years. On learning that storm Phailin was to cross the

coast between Paradeep and Gopalpur, they tried to return to the shore with their boats on 12.10.2013. As the sea was very rough and as there were heavy rains, they struggled in mid sea and ran out of fuel. They conveyed their plight to relatives in Kanniyakumari District through their cell phones.

This information was brought to the attention of the Hon'ble Chief Minister yesterday (12.10.2013) afternoon. The Hon'ble Chief Minister directed the Chief Secretary to Government and the Secretary to the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries to take all steps immediately to rescue the 18 fishermen by contacting the Coast Guard, the Navy and high officials of the Odisha Government.

Following the directive, the high officials of Tamil Nadu Government contacted the high officials of Indian Coast Guard and

Navy stationed at Chennai, the Special Relief Commissioner and other officials of the Fisheries Department of Odisha Government and the Coast Guard at Kolkata and requested them to take steps to rescue the fishermen.

The 18 fishermen had by then reached the coastal village of Ramathura in Jagatsinghpur District of Odisha safely with their damaged boats. As the village was totally cut off from communication, transport and electricity on account of the storm, there was difficulty

in providing food, drinking water and medical help immediately to the fishermen. When this matter was taken to the attention of the Odisha State administration, the District administration and the Coast Guard there jointly swung into action and a rescue team with medical facilities rushed to the village and provided all help to the 18 fishermen. They were taken to the district headquarters safely. ■



Ten per cent hike in DA for Government Staff

**Statement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
Selvi J Jayalalithaa on 10.10.2013 (English Translation)**

Perarignar Anna's directive based on the maxim that the voice of the people is the voice of god, and my Government's ideal that 'service to society is service to Almighty' are universally accepted doctrines. Such an unique task and opportunity of serving the people is given to Government Employees and Teachers. My Government is keen in protecting their interests and providing them concessions that are their due.

I have ordered a 10 per cent increase in the D.A. of Tamil Nadu Government Employees, Teachers, Pensioners and Family Pensioners following the Central Government's announcement of such an increase to its staff from 01.07.2013. I am happy to announce that

this D.A. increase will be disbursed in cash retrospectively from 1.7.2013.

This 10 per cent D.A. increase is applicable to all Employees in Local Bodies, Government-aided Schools, Teachers, Village Assistants working in Revenue Department, Anganwadi and Nutritious Meal Centre Employees, Panchayat Assistants, Clerks and others usually getting the D.A.

Government Employees and Pensioners totalling about 18 lakh will benefit and Government will incur an additional expenditure of Rs.2,292.78 crore annually.

This step of my Government will enthuse Government Employees and Teachers to discharge their duties more effectively. ■

Bonus for staff of Government Public Sector Undertakings



**The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa's
statement on grant of bonus to workers in Tamil Nadu Government Public Sector
Undertakings in connection with Deepavali. (English Translation)**

It is no exaggeration to say that workers in public sector undertakings play an important role in providing essential services to the public and in developing the country's economy.

A review meeting was held on 21.10.13 at the Secretariat to consider the payment of bonus and ex-gratia for 2012-2013 to workers in Tamil Nadu Government Public Sector

Undertakings in connection with Deepavali. I presided over the meeting.

Hon'ble Finance Minister Thiru. O. Panneerselvam, Hon'ble Minister for Electricity, Prohibition and Excise Thiru. Natham R. Viswanathan, Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration, Rural Development, Law, Courts and Prisons Thiru. K.P. Munusamy, Hon'ble Minister for Housing and Urban Development Thiru. R. Vaithilingam, Hon'ble Minister for Co-operation Thiru. Sellur K. Raju, Hon'ble Minister for Food Thiru. R. Kamaraj, Hon'ble Minister for Industries Thiru. P. Thangamani, Hon'ble Transport Minister Thiru. V. Senthil Balaji, Chief Secretary to Government Tmt. Sheela Balakrishnan IAS, Principal Secretary, Finance Department Thiru. K. Shanmugam IAS and other high officials participated.

After detailed discussions, I ordered the payment of bonus and ex-gratia by way of encouraging and enthusing the workers. As per this order,

(1) A bonus of 8.33 per cent and an ex-gratia of 11.67 per cent, that is 20 per cent bonus will be paid to the eligible workers in the PSUs of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, Government Transport Corporations, Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation, Government Rubber Corporation, Tamil Nadu Horticulture Society,

Tamil Nadu Tea Plantation Corporation, Co-operative and PSU Sugar Mills, TN Co-operative Milk Producers Federation and TN State Trading Corporation.

(2) 8.33 per cent bonus and 1.67 per cent ex-gratia to all eligible workers in Co-operative societies and a 20 per cent bonus and ex-gratia to those in profit making Co-operative societies;

(3) 8.33 per cent bonus and 1.67 per cent ex-gratia to 'C' and 'D' category employees in the TN Housing Board and Chennai Water Supply and Sewerage Board;

(4) 8.33 per cent bonus to 'C' and 'D' category employees in the TN Water and Drainage Board.

(5) An ex-gratia of Rs.1,500/- to contract labour in TN Electricity Board, temporary workers in the Civil Supplies Corporation, workers in the apex co-operative societies not covered by the Bonus Act and workers in District Co-operative Societies, and an ex-gratia of Rs.1,200/- to workers in the Primary Co-operative Societies.

(6) Totally, a bonus of Rs.240 crore will be disbursed to 3.50 lakh employees of the PSUs.

These steps of my Government will help the PSU workers celebrate Deepavali happily with their families. ■

Do you know? To enable farmers to protect their foodgrains from nature's fury, the State Government has taken steps to construct 1,104 godowns in the State. Of these, 810 godowns had already been constructed of which 238 were declared open by Hon'ble Chief Minister. The remaining 572 will be opened soon.



Rs.150 crore for Engineering Education infrastructure

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has sanctioned Rs.150 crore for creating various modern infrastructures of global standards in the newly set up zonal offices of the Anna University and in their constituent engineering colleges, to suit the changing scientific environment.

The allotments are as follows: Rs. 30 crore each to the Madurai and Coimbatore zonal offices for construction of educational buildings; Rs.10 crore each to the Madurai, Coimbatore and Tirunelveli zonal offices for constructing students' hostels in their

respective areas; Rs.10 crore each for construction of students' hostels in the Anna University constituent engineering colleges at Dindigul, Ramanathapuram, Thoothukudi and Nagercoil; Rs.5 crore each to construct hostels in the constituent colleges at Pattukottai and Panruti and Rs. 10 crores to provide electricity, drinking water hygiene and other facilities in the engineering colleges at Arani, Kancheepuram, Villupuram, Tindivanam, Thoothukudi, Nagercoil, Ramanathapuram, Dindigul, Panruti, Tirukkuvalai, Pattukottai and Ariyalur. ■





Chennai's National Art Gallery to be revived with Rs.11 crore

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has allotted Rs. 11 crore for repair and renovation of the National Art Gallery, one of the landmarks of Chennai. Orders have also been issued to set up an experts' committee and a sub-committee (chemical preservation) for the protection and maintenance of this Gallery.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister's order and allotment follow the advice of an expert committee set up to examine the strength of historic buildings.

The National Art Gallery is one of the 3 heritage buildings in the Chennai Museum Complex that are historic and more than 100 years old. The construction of this building in the Indo-Sarasanic style and with light red stones brought from Sathyavedu in Andhra Pradesh, was completed in 1906. Initially

it served as the Headquarters of the Victoria Technical Institute. Thanjavur, Rajasthan, Kangra and Deccan paintings as also sandalwood carvings were exhibited there. As the building developed cracks and a part of it caved in, it was closed down for public in 2002.





More sporting events to attract students

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has sanctioned Rs. 10 crore for the conduct of sporting events across the State to attract more students to sport.

The break-up will be as follows: for the conduct of sporting events at Sub-Taluk level-Rs.2,64,09,300/-; Educational District level-Rs.79,83,050/-; Zonal Level (for existing sport events) Rs.1,29,65,250/-; Zonal Level for new sport events -Rs.1,45,23,000/-; State-Level Republic Day/Bharathiar Day team events-Rs.94,33,700/-, State-Level Republic Day

track events-Rs.26,17,010/-, for new sport on Republic Day/Bharathiar Day-Rs.81,13,650/- and for the conduct of competitions for selecting sport's personnel for the National events conducted by the Sports Council for school students, for participation in National/International events and for the conduct of National sports events-Rs.1,79,55,040/-.

These steps of the Government will facilitate greater participation from Tamil Nadu in National and International competitions. ■



Rs.4.5 crore Renovation of Nungambakkam tennis stadium

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has given administrative and financial sanction for Rs.4.50 crore for renovation of the tennis stadium in Nungambakkam, Chennai and for the upgradation of infrastructure there.

The stadium was set up in 1995. After 18 years, it has become imperative to improve the courts, replace the electrical fittings and

the like so as to make the stadium fit for the conduct of international tournaments. With the funds sanctioned, the synthetic fibre tennis courts, electrical fittings and score board will be replaced with new ones. Renovation works are to be undertaken, telecasting facility and other infrastructure improved and the dressing room for players and the rooms for VIPs equipped with modern facilities. ■



Further upgradation for film institute's preview theatre

To further modernise the preview theatre at the MGR Government Film and TV Training Institute, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has allotted Rs.90 lakh for purchase of equipment.

The amount will be spent for purchase of high frequency digital Dolphi, Fargo Projector with 15 KVA online UPS and other accessories, Surround Sound equipment, Ring Audio Mixer, Speaker Micro Phone and a Public Address System.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also allotted Rs.2 crore for construction of a new hostel for the students of this Institute. The

hostel will have a restaurant, a dining hall and a reception centre and can accommodate 100 students. Construction of a new hostel has been necessitated as the existing hostel can accommodate only 35 students. As it was constructed in 1984, it is in a damaged condition. Moreover, as courses in Animation and Motion Picture Visual Effects are to be started this year, the student strength is expected to rise to 240.

In the first phase of modernisation of the preview theatre at the Institute, the Hon'ble Chief Minister had allotted Rs.99 lakh. ■





RELIEF FOR VICTIMS OF PETROL BOMB ATTACK

Seven persons of S. Puliangulam village in Madurai District were killed on 30.10.2012 in a petrol bomb attack when they were returning through the Chinthamani village by-pass road in Madurai Taluk, after paying their respects at the Muthuramalinga Thevar Samadhi in Pasumpon. All others in that vehicle also sustained burn injuries. A solatium of Rs.5 lakh each was distributed to the families of the deceased and a job in Government was provided to one person from each of these families.

Those who sustained severe burn injuries in this incident were given Rs.one lakh each and other burn victims Rs.50,000/- each from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund.

Now, persons who sustained more than 20 per cent burn injuries have requested that they too be provided with a job in Government.

After considering their request kindly, I have directed that 6 of the victims who have passed the 10th standard be posted as Junior Assistants, one person who has passed 8th standard as Office Assistant and three other literates as night security, by relaxing the relevant rules of the Rural Development and Panchayat Department. ■



CHIEF MINISTER OKAYS PREFAB TECHNOLOGY FOR HOUSING PROJECTS

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has cleared the use of Prefab Technology in the Housing Board's projects for expediting construction work.

The Tamil Nadu Housing Boards plans to employ this technology in its proposed project in Sholinganallur – construction of 1,500 flats in high-rise buildings. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has given administrative sanction for Rs. 379.51 crore for employing this technology and for executing the project.

Under this Prefab Technology, the different components of the building – pillars, beams, staircase and roof – will be pre-cast in factories and cured with water and moved to the actual site of the building, positioned in their places and fixed with thick mortar. Through this modern technology, a 24-storeyed building can be constructed in 24 months.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also directed the creation of an integrated satellite city near Madurai for meeting the growing demand for houses. It will come up on the Housing Board's 586.86 acre land in Thoppur and Uchapatti villages on the Madurai – Tirunelveli road near Madurai Airport, about 15 km from Madurai city.

In this satellite city, 19,500 plots will be created. Of these, 14,300 plots will be earmarked for the low income group, 2,500 for middle income group, 750 for the high income group and 1,950 for the economically weaker sections.

All facilities will be provided for the residents of this satellite city, like school complex, commercial plots, police station, post office, primary health centre, fire service station and developed industrial plots.

In the first phase, for provision of basic facilities, administrative sanction has been accorded for Rs. 120 crore.



ANTI- POVERTY MEASURES IN 15 DISTRICTS

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has ordered the setting up of 'Village Poverty Eradication' societies in 2,323 panchayats in 15 Districts.

A Social Capital of Rs.232.30 crore has also been released for these panchayats at the rate of Rs.10 lakh each. The Panchayats will use the amount to provide loans through the village poverty eradication societies to the poor, the most poor, the marginalised, the orphans and the disabled to be identified by launching a survey. The loan is to be utilized by the beneficiaries for enhancing their earning power, improving their standard of living and social status and becoming self-employed.

These 15 Districts -- Dharmapuri, Dindigul, Cuddalore, Erode, Nagapattinam, the Nilgris, Perambalur, Ariyalur, Ramanathapuram, Thanjavur, Tiruvannamalai, Tiruvarur, Tiruchirapalli, Vellore and Villupuram -- come under the

first stage of coverage for the Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Movement for implementation of its programmes.

The state rural livelihood movement was launched in 2012-2013 following the effective implementation of the 'Pudhu Vaazhvu' project started with World Bank Financial assistance in 2005. While the 'Pudhu Vazhvu' project is being implemented in 120 panchayat unions, the Movement covers the rest of the 265 panchayat unions.

The movement aims at creating livelihood opportunities over a period of 5 to 7 years for families below the poverty line in all the 31 districts in the State. The Movement organizes forums for the poor which focus on getting them financial resources and assistance for their livelihood. The forums also render general service and help the poor get governmental benefits that are their due. ■



Nineteen more working women's hostels ordered

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has ordered the setting up of 19 Government Working Women's Hostels in the State for providing safe accommodation to 1,000 working women.

Of these, 6 will come up in Chennai, 3 in Kancheepuram and one each in the Districts of Tiruvallur, Thanjavur, Tiruppur, Perambalur, Villupuram, Vellore, Coimbatore, Tiruchi, Tirunelveli and Sivagangai.

To work in these hostels, 8 posts have been sanctioned – one Warden, 2 Cooks, 1 Assistant Cook (consolidated pay), 1 Assistant Cook (daily wage), 1 Office Assistant, 1 Night Watchman, and 1 Sweeper (daily wage).

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has sanctioned Rs. 23.75 crore – Rs. 4.10 crore as recurring and non-recurring expenditure at the rate of Rs. 21.60 lakh per hostel, Rs. 19.19 crore for construction of own buildings at the rate of Rs. 1.01 crore per hostel and Rs. 45.60 lakh for payment of rent at the rate of Rs. 2.40 lakh per hostel, till the new buildings are constructed.

Already 8 Government Working Women's hostels under the Social Welfare Department are functioning in the State – 2 in Chennai and one each in the districts of Tiruchi, Pudukottai, Madurai, Dharmapuri, Cuddalore and Thoothukudi. ■

Broiler Chicken Poulterers Thank Chief Minister



Representatives of the broiler chicken poulterers association met the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa at the Secretariat today (18.10.13) and conveyed their grateful thanks for issuing orders to resolve the problems prevailing in the broiler breeding industry.

The problems included raising the rearing charges given by the firms supplying the chicks, making available chicks 5 times in a year and streamlining the procedure for calculating rearing charges.

On the direction of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, talks were held between the representatives of the rearing farmers and the establishment owners in the presence of the Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry, Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries and the Director of Animal Husbandry on 21.09.2013.

As a result of the talks, it was decided that a 20 per cent increase in the rearing charges be effected -15 per cent immediately and 5 per cent more from January 2014. Other issues were also resolved smoothly. An agreement was also signed.

Issues plaguing this farm industry were resolved with the poor farmers getting their due by the direct intervention of the Government for the first time in the industry's 40-year history. About 14,120 farmers engaged in rearing the chicks and 1,50,000 farm labourers will benefit.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister wished greater growth for the rearing industry and greater prosperity for farmers. ■

Maps to enhance Students' GK



The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has sanctioned Rs.11,56,32,660/- for purchase and display of maps of the country, the state and the district concerned in all classrooms functioning under the Directorates of School Education and Primary Education for enhancing the general knowledge of students. There are 1,48,247 classrooms in schools under these Directorates -- 48,247 in 3,246 Government High/Higher Secondary Schools for standards 3 to 8 and one lakh in Primary Schools.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also directed introduction of "Smart Classroom" in 100 Higher Secondary Schools functioning under the Department of Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare for teaching students through computer and improving their comprehension. Under this scheme one of the existing classrooms (20'X20') will be converted into a Smart Classroom and two serving teachers for each school will be trained to teach students as per this scheme.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has sanctioned Rs.5.05 crore for purchase of science equipment including computer for setting up the Smart Classroom in each school, at the rate of Rs.5,05,000/- for each school. ■





SAFE WATER FOR RURAL HABITATS AT Rs. 717.32 CRORE

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalithaa has ordered implementation of combined drinking water supply schemes in the districts of Tiruppur, Erode, Thanjavur and Coimbatore costing Rs. 717.32 crore to ensure continued supply of safe drinking water to more than 10 lakh people.

In Tiruppur District, the scheme will cover 2.80 lakh people in 1,262 rural habitats in the Panchayat Unions of Vellakovil, Moolanoor, Dharapuram, Gundadam and Kangeyam and in the Panchayat Union of Chennimalai in Erode district. The scheme envisages tapping water in Cauvery river near Kodumudi. The project will cost Rs. 91.16 crore. A maintenance expenditure of Rs. 3,52,80,000/- per annum has also been sanctioned.

In Thanjavur District, 1,153 rural habitats in 9 Panchayat Unions and the Town Panchayats of Peravurani, Perumagalur and Adhirampattinam will benefit from the scheme that will cost Rs. 495.70 crore. The source of water supply will be Coleroon river. Annual maintenance cost is Rs. 9.19 crore. Number of beneficiaries 5.76 lakh people.

Bhavani river will be the source of supply for the scheme to be implemented in Coimbatore District at a cost of Rs. 130.46 crore. About 1.55 lakh people in 134 rural habitats in Thondamuthur Panchayat Union and the Town Panchayats of Thondamuthur, Pooluvapatti, Thenkarai, Vedapatti, Thaliyur, Alandurai and Perur, will benefit. An annual maintenance cost of Rs. 3.91 crore has also been sanctioned. ■



Concessions extended to Forest department personnel

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Selvi J Jayalalithaa has passed orders extending the concessions enjoyed by the personnel in uniform in the Department of Police, Fire and Rescue and Prisons to their counterparts in the Forest Department also.

Accordingly, the dress allowance to forest guards and forest watchers, from this year, will be Rs. 2,650/- per annum as for constables in the Police Department and Rs. 2,800/- p.a for foresters and forest range officers as for Sub-inspectors and Inspectors in the Police Department.

The laundry charges will be Rs. 350/- per month as is for the Traffic Police Constabled.

The Risk Allowance will be Rs. 400/- p.m. for personnel from forest guard to forest range officer as it is from Constable to Inspector and Rs. 450/- p.m. to personnel from Deputy Conservator of Forests to

Additional Conservator of Forests on par with Dy. Superintendent of Police to Additional Superintendent of Police.

Also the personnel in uniform in the Forest Department will be given torch light, rain coat and special footwear used in fire prevention activity.

The concessions will benefit 5,600 personnel and will cost Government Rs. 4,53,05,000/- p.a.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has also passed orders authorising the personnel in uniform in the Forest Department, as also retired personnel and the families of deceased personnel to draw articles at subsidised rates from police shops on par with police personnel. About 8,730 personnel will benefit. A sum of Rs. 10 lakh has been allotted for this. ■



Government's Steps for Growth of Tamil Lauded

An interactive session between professors and students was held on 21.10.2013 at the World Tamil Research Institute with Dr. M. Rajaram IAS, Secretary, Tamil Development and Information Department presiding. Former Education Minister of Mauritius Prof. Dr. Arumugam Parasuraman participated.

Dr. Rajaram referred to the Thirukkural Exhibition gallery proposed to be established at the Institute and about the work now under way to translate Thirukkural in Chinese, Arabic and other international languages. Tamil Development schemes, he said, were being announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister at a level not known before and were being implemented forthwith.

In his special address, Prof. Arumugam Parasuraman spoke about the various works he had executed for the development of Tamil and Tamils in Mauritius when he was a Minister between 1983 and 1995.

He said he participated in the 8th World Tamil Conference held at Thanjavur in 1995 and recalled his conversation with the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi at the conference. That conference, he said, had brought together Tamils from across the world and lifted the Tamil language to a global level.

Everyone knew about the great works undertaken by the Hon'ble Chief Minister for the development of Tamil. The Hon'ble

Chief Minister's service, especially to the Tamil diaspora, was immense. He admired and appreciated the announcement made in the 12th Five year Plan for the documentation of the art and culture of Tamils and the steps taken by the Hon'ble Chief Minister to set up a Thirukkural Exhibition gallery, overseas Tamils cultural centre and a chair for research on Tholkappiar at the World Tamil Research Institute. World Tamils were all appreciation for the Tamil Development works undertaken by the Tamil Nadu Government in the last two years.

He said Thirukkural had been translated into Creole language, the official language of Mauritius and into French. As Thirukkural is the common code of ethics for the entire world, he suggested steps should be taken to upload the paintings to be placed in the Thirukkural exhibition gallery in the Internet so that the greatness of Thirukkural was understood all over the world. In the light of palm leaf manuscript classes conducted by the world Tamil Research Institute, he expressed his wish to conduct a palm leaf manuscript exhibition in Paris jointly with UNESCO.

He also appreciated the 'Mother Tongue Day' and 'World Translation Day' being celebrated at the World Tamil Research Institute.

Prof. Dr. Vijayaraghavan, Director of the World Research Institute, proposed a vote of thanks. ■



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** reviewed the progress of Chennai Metro Rail project at the Secretariat on October 7, 2013. Hon'ble Ministers and high officials participated in the review meeting.



His Excellency, the Governor of Tamil Nadu **Dr. K Rosaiah** administered the oath of office to Justice Thiru. Rajesh Kumar Agrawal as the Chief Justice of Madras High Court at a function in the Governor's Bungalow on October 24, 2013. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** participated.

DIPLOMA COURSE ON TAMIL PALM LEAF MANUSCRIPTS REVIVED

Dr. M. Rajaram, IAS, Secretary, Department of Tamil Development and Information declared open an exhibition of palm leaf manuscripts and inaugurated the diploma course on Tamil Palm Leaf Manuscriptology and Publishing at the World Tamil Research Institute, Taramani, Chennai on 12.09.2013.

Delivering a special address on the occasion he said, “It is heartening to see that the diploma course which was suspended a few years ago has been revived in the rule of the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, who is ceaselessly working for the development of Tamil”.

“There is a Biblical saying, ‘Knock and it will be opened, seek and it will be given’. But the Hon’ble Chief Minister has been giving without knocking and seeking for Tamil Development. By way of honouring Mootharignar U.Ve.Sa, the grand old man of Tamil who researched the contents of Tamil Palm Leaf manuscripts and published them as books, the Hon’ble Chief Minister garlanded his statue and announced an award in his name. Through such awards, the Hon’ble Chief Minister is honouring more and more Tamil scholars.”

“The tradition and antiquity of Tamil language is more than 11,000 years old. To make such a glorious language known to the

world and extol its greatness, Memoranda of Understanding should be entered into with higher educational institutions like Shantiniketan in Kolkatta. Tamil palm leaf manuscripts are aplenty in Shantiniketan University. Tamil scholars should examine those palm leaf manuscripts and publish them as books. I request Tamil scholars and enthusiasts who preserve Tamil palm leaf manuscripts in the northern parts of Tamil Nadu to make them over to the World Tamil Research Institute, and to Tamil scholars who preserve manuscripts in southern parts of Tamil Nadu to the World Tamil Sangam at Madurai. The Tamil Nadu Government will honour those who hand over such palm leaf manuscripts,” he said.

Tamil Scholar Mahavidwan Mayilam V. Sivasubramanian, who delivered the felicitation address, said that though it was a difficult task to collect palm leaf manuscripts, publish them and teach them, the happiness one derived after publishing them would make it a worthwhile task. He urged students to make use of the diploma course in an appropriate way.

Dr. A. Satish earlier welcomed the gathering. Dr. Vijayaraghavan, Director, World Tamil Research Institute presided. Dr. S. Thamarai Pandian proposed a vote of thanks.



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** declared open Apollo Speciality Hospitals at Tiruchi and Vanagaram, Chennai, through video conferencing from the Secretariat on November 8, 2013.



On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Tamil Scholar of Italy Veeramamunivar on November 8, 2013, floral tributes were offered to his portrait placed near his statue on Kamarajar Salai by Hon'ble Ministers. The Worshipful Mayor, Tamil Development & Information Secretary and other high officials participated.

Government in battle readiness to face heavy rains

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalithaa's** statement
issued on 11.9.2013 (English Translation)

A review meeting, chaired by me, was held today (11.09.2013) at the Secretariat to consider the precautionary measures to be taken following heavy rains in the districts of Chennai, Kancheepuram and Tiruvallur on account of the information of a low pressure area in the Bay of Bengal along the Andhra Pradesh coast.


Hon'ble Minister for Finance Thiru. O. Panneerselvam, Hon'ble Minister for Electricity, Prohibition and Excise, Thiru. Natham R. Viswanathan, Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration, Rural Development, Law, Courts and Prisons Thiru. K.P. Munusamy, Hon'ble Minister for Housing and Urban Development Thiru. R. Vaithilingam, Hon'ble Minister for Revenue Thiru. Thoppu N.D. Venkatachalam, Chief Secretary to Government Tmt. Sheela Balakrishnan, Additional Chief Secretary and Commissioner of Revenue Administration Thiru. T.S. Sridhar, Revenue Secretary Thiru. G a g a n d e e p

Singh Bedi and other high officials participated.

The meeting was informed that steps had been taken to prevent stagnation of water on roads and along river beds, enough motor pumpsets were kept ready to bail out water from subways, and District Collectors were in a ready state to face any contingency. After a detailed discussion, I directed the Government officials to take the following measures:-

Accordingly,

1. People in low-lying areas will be moved to safe areas and assistance needed by them would be provided on a war-footing.
2. Precautionary steps will be taken up to prevent the spread of water-borne diseases.
3. The Tamil Nadu Electricity Board will take steps to avert power cuts and avert damages due to the snapping of wires.
4. The Chennai Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board has been advised to keep sufficient number of generators in stock so as to prevent over-flowing of sewerage.



5. Municipal Commissioners and Executive Officers will take immediate steps to prevent stagnation of water on roads and in low-lying areas.

6. The Highways Department will take steps to press into service heavy duty pumpsets to immediately pump out water stagnating in congested roads and ensure free flow of traffic.

7. The Health Department will go the whole hog to take all necessary steps to prevent the water-borne diseases of dengue fever and diarrhoea. There is enough stock of medicine and tablets for these diseases.

8. The Metro Rail Administration will take steps to prevent collection of water in the tunnels dug for the Metro Rail Project. The Metro Rail Administration will keep sufficient stocks of heavy-duty pump sets to achieve this purpose.

9. The Fire Service and Rescue Operations Department is in a state of readiness to meet any contingency.

10. The Police have been instructed to oversee that no traffic congestion takes place on important roads, including the Vadapalani junction and Jawaharlal Nehru Road. Officers of the ranks of Deputy and Assistant Police Commissioners will monitor these roads.

11. The Public Works Department will take steps to prevent the flooding of water bodies in and around Chennai.

12. The PWD will pay special attention to see that Veeranam area does not get flooded as Coleroon river is likely to be in spate on account of the heavy rains in Karnataka and Cuddalore District. The District Collectors concerned will take the needed precautionary steps if there is flood in the districts, where the Cauvery flows.

13. Schools and Colleges in the Districts of Chennai, Tiruvallur and Kancheepuram will remain closed tomorrow (12.09.2013). The quarterly examination scheduled for tomorrow will be held after the last day of the examinations.

The District Collectors of Chennai, Tiruvallur and Kancheepuram are keenly monitoring the situation. Last night's rain has not caused any damage so far. If there is any flood havoc, relief will be provided to people immediately.

Toll-free phones will be operated at the office of the Commissioner of Revenue Administration (phone no. 1070) and at Chennai Corporation (phone no. 1913) and in other Districts (phone no. 1077) for the general public to pass on information on flood damages to the authorities.

My Government is prepared to face any eventuality. Necessary arrangements have been made to rectify the flood damages then and there. My Government, I wish to state, is ready to take any action in the cause of the people. ■



EMPLOYMENT in Kuwait

Labourers, masons, carpenters, cooks, drivers, autoCAD operators, surveyors, supervisors, data entry operators and electricians are needed in large numbers for work in Kuwait in construction projects of the Department of Communication, Government of India.

The selected persons will be given wages as per their experience. Free lodging, free air travel at the end of 2 years and other facilities will be given by the employer.

Age, educational qualifications and experience needed for the different categories are:

for labourers, masons, carpenters and cooks: 25 to 35 years of age, 8th standard pass and 2 years experience.

for light and heavy vehicle drivers – pass in 10th standard; more than 5 years experience as driver in Kuwait

for autoCAD operators – diploma/degree in civil engineering

for surveyors, supervisors and data entry operators – 12th standard and surveyor course certificate

Electrician – 21-25 years of age and 2 years experience

Eligible candidates can send in their typed applications with details of educational qualification and with certificates for their experience and copies of their passport to this company located at no 42, Alandur Road, Government Women's Industrial Training Section complex, Guindy, Chennai – 600032.

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Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu **Selvi J Jayalalithaa** flagged off the test run of a four coach train of Chennai Metro Rail at Koyambedu terminal on 6.11.2013.